

Rob Sanders is a writer who teaches, and a teacher who writes. A native of Springfield, Missouri, Rob has also lived in Texas, Alabama, and Tennessee. After earning a B.S. in Elementary Education and a Master's Degree in Religious Education, Rob worked for fifteen years in children's religious educational publishing as a writer, educational consultant, trainer, editor, editorial group manager, and product developer.

In 2006, Rob moved to Florida and began working as an elementary school teacher. Soon he was serving as a district writing trainer and resource teacher. These days you'll find him teaching kids about books and words, and reading and writing with them at Mintz Elementary School in Brandon, Florida.

Working daily with children inspired Rob to pursue his own writing career. His first picture book, **COWBOY CHRISTMAS**, was released by Golden Books/Random House in 2012. **OUTER SPACE BEDTIME RACE** (listed among the top twenty rhyming picture books of 2015 and winner of a Crystal Kite Award) was released by Random House Children's Books in January 2015. **RUBY ROSE—OFF TO SCHOOL SHE GOES** danced into book stores and into the hearts of kids in June 2016. Other titles coming soon include: **RUBY ROSE—BIG BRAVOS** (HarperCollins, 2017), **RODZILLA** (Simon & Schuster, 2017), and **PRIDE: THE STORY OF THE RAINBOW FLAG** (Random House Children's Books, 2018).

Rob also coordinates the Rising Kite Writing Contest for SCBWI Florida, organizes meetings for SCBWI Florida members in the Tampa Bay area, and coaches and critiques other picture book writers.

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