

Reviews and Recognitions

“Barbara Walsh truly lives up to Moina's own phrase: “Whatsoever the hands find to do, do it with all your might.” Her visits take readers on a journey through the extensive research process of creating an informational text told in narrative form. Readers are fascinated by the many artifacts and personal stories that Barbara shares from throughout the book's creation. It seems that no matter what questions students ask about the book or the process, Barbara has an interesting fact or story to share. We were thrilled to visit with her both in person and via Skype, and she was a delight.”

Andy Plemmons, School Library Media Specialist
David C. Barrow Elementary, Athens, GA

“Ms. Walsh complements the book by visiting schools and delivering an informative presentation that is certain to engage students who are interested in the time period and/or in stories of selflessness and dedication.”

Steve Piazza, Instructional Technology Specialist
Clarke County School District, Athens, Georgia

“Since WWI, red poppies have been used to commemorate fallen soldiers; Walsh explains why in a glowing tribute to the woman behind the symbol, Moina Belle Michael...” Publishers Weekly

- The Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (MELP) Recommended Book List, 2014-2015 and Book of the Week, May 2014
- Eureka! Silver Award (California Reading Association), 2013
- Bank Street College of Education Best Books Selection, 2013
- TriState Young Adult Book Review Committee Books of Note, 2013
- Mighty Girl Books Top Pick Selection, 2012
- Starred Review Youth Services Book Review, 2012
- Brodart's TOP Juvenile Titles, 2012

2015 -2016 Speaking Fees

Barbara will present up to two sessions within a school day and be available to sign books. She donates her \$200.00 speaking fee to Operation Purple®, a program of the National Military Family Association, which benefits children of the U.S. military.



Contact Barbara to schedule a school, Skype, library and/or book fair visit!

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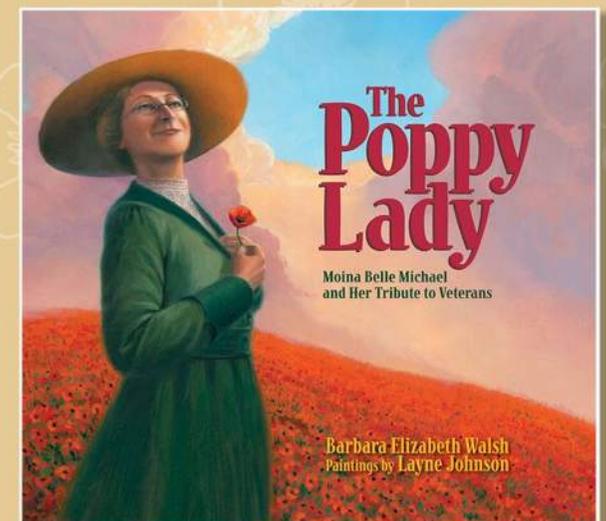
Download a free teacher's guide to *The Poppy Lady* (aligned to Common Core State Standards).

Barbara's article, "The Poppy Lady," appearing in *Highlights for Children*, November 2013, was a First Place winner in the 2014 SCBWI Magazine Merit Award for Nonfiction. Thanks to *Highlights*, educators may reprint the article without cost.



Barbara Elizabeth Walsh

**Award-winning
Children's Book Author
and Presenter**



There's An Author Inside Every Storyteller



Through personal stories and photos, students will walk away confident that they can be authors too!

Presentations highlight the framework for becoming an author and will enlighten students about Moina Belle Michael and the significance of the red poppies as a symbol of remembrance for soldiers since World War One.

As a former elementary school teacher, Barbara especially enjoys the Q & A sessions following her presentations.

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45 Minute Presentations Include:

- Slideshow detailing the backstory of *The Poppy Lady*.
- Detailed illustration of her writing process.
- Discussion of *The Poppy Lady*.
- Q & A
- Book Signing

To order books, please check with your local bookshop or contact Perseus Distribution at (800) 343-4499.

To schedule a school, Skype, library and/or book fair visit, please e-mail Barbara at:

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She would love to make your author visit a reality!



The Storyteller Inside Barbara

Growing up in Devon, Pennsylvania, Barbara loved to daydream and tell made up stories. But she never thought of herself as an author. Forty years later, when her Dad asked her to write a story about someone special, Barbara discovered she'd been an author all along. In her forty-five minute presentations, Barbara shares personal stories and childhood photos, giving children a framework to begin to see themselves as authors.

When Barbara isn't treasure hunting along the beaches in New Jersey or the Florida Keys, she's in the swamps of South Carolina researching her next project—a narrative nonfiction picture book about a Revolutionary War hero.



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