SPIKE, THE MIXED-UP MONSTER
* International Latino Award
* CCBC Best Book of the Year
* Junior Library Guild

THE TOOTH MOUSE
* Bank Street Best Book of the Year
* ReadBoston’s Gold Medal
* Junior Library Guild

ROOTING FOR YOU
“ROOTING FOR YOU is a cheerful alternative to Dr. Seuss’s OH, THE PLACES YOU’LL GO for anyone ready to graduate from one stage of life to another.”
—The New York Times

STARRED review: “transcendent,” “a virtuoso piece of nonfiction”
—School Library Journal

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SPIKE, THE MIXED-UP MONSTER
is definitely a book to add to a list of common core books.
—Abigail Hoyt Von Trapp, The Eric Carle Museum

Testimonials
“Susan's books engage young children’s imaginations while allowing older children to think about environmental issues, health issues and culture.”
—Abigail Hoyt Von Trapp, The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

“We were so overjoyed to have you visit! It put the “inspiration bug” in us all!”
—Kate Ciccarelli, Fourth Grade teacher, Stratfield School, Fairfield, CT

“It was great for our children to learn that the writer's craft involves revision and asking lots of questions. They haven’t stopped talking about Susan’s visit; it made them even more committed to their own manuscripts-in-progress.”
—Beth Fitzpatrick, Fourth Grade parent, Stratfield School, Fairfield, CT

“I, along with my staff, would endorse this author. We had a wonderful experience all round!”
—Noveline Betram, Principal, Mary R. Fisher Elementary School, Thompson, CT

“We loved having her! My students actually wrote signs and letters about saving axolotls. It worked so well with our persuasive writing unit!”
—Barbara O’Neill, Kindergarten Teacher, JFK, Brewster, NY

SAMPLE PRESENTATIONS
For Grades K-2
SPIKE An interactive PowerPoint guessing game introduces unusual Mexican animals, including this critically endangered salamander called an axolotl, which is vital to science and medicine. Includes Spanish words and art by Caldecott Honoree Melissa Sweet.

LEAPS AND BOUNCE and ROOTING FOR YOU celebrate nature’s wondrous transformations: seed to plant, tadpole to frog, caterpillar to butterfly. Combines science with poetry.

JUST SAY BOO! All things Halloween! Can be combined with SPIKE, THE MIXED-UP MONSTER. Check my website for book-related games, activities, songs, crafts, and more.

For Grades 2-5
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THE TOOTH MOUSE Multi-cultural traditions; fairy tales; the woman who invented them; how fairy tales differ from fables; Paris; and French words.

I can use any of these books to discuss the process of writing—the importance of research, fact-checking, editing, and revision—and the business of publishing.