

“*Dregs* made me feel thirteen again, and I wouldn’t relive those days for any amount of money. Ms. Bumgarner’s novel made me anxious and reminded me how truly awful teenagers can be. It terrified me and made me call my children to tell them how much I love them. It’s an important story that all teenagers and parents should read.”

-Author and former president of the PEN/Faulkner Foundation for Fiction Patricia Browning Griffith



Ms. Bumgarner’s writing has appeared in *Writers’ Digest*, *Well-Versed*, *Rock Springs Review*, *Columbia Parent Magazine*, *School & Community*, *Class Notes*, *Something Better*, and *Family Magazine*.

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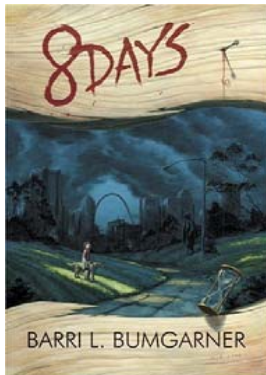


About the Author

Ms. Bumgarner attended Lebanon High School, and went on to earn her Bachelor of Science in Education from Southwest Missouri State University in 1990. Ms. Bumgarner is completing her Masters in English Education at University of Missouri-Columbia. She is a graduate of Long Ridge Writers' Institute, learning under the tutelage of Edgar Award winning author Carolyn Wheat.

Ms. Bumgarner taught English for two years in Louisiana, Missouri, and then moved to Columbia. She was a center director for KinderCare Learning Centers for over five years, at which time she chose to return to the classroom. She taught Reading/Writing Workshop in Columbia Public Schools for nearly eight years at Oakland Junior High School.

She received Writer's Digest 72nd Annual Writing Competition honors in 2004 for her article "Inspire Magic." Her first novel, *8 Days*, is in its second print-run.



Her young adult novel, *Dregs*, was performed as a staged reading in April 2005 on the anniversary of the Columbine tragedy.

“As an at-risk reading teacher, I watched the faces of teens every day as they walked into my classroom—the powerful, the average, the meek. The averted eyes of one boy who had been shoved into his locker one too many times opened my eyes. I teach through popular young adult novels and the ones most sought after are about teasing and other hard issues that back some kids into corners.”

-Barri L. Bumgarner about teaching as the inspiration for *Dregs*

Presentations

- Young Adult Books
- Choosing writing as a career
- Motivating the young reader
- Reading Workshop training

Barri is a diverse, energetic speaker with the background and ability to cover a wide range of topics. If you would like her to address material specific to your group or school contact her with your ideas and /or concerns.

Fee Schedule

Classroom Talks on:

- Writing As a Career \$500-900
- Getting Motivated \$500-900
- Writing Workshop \$600-900

Teacher Talks on:

- **Reading/Writing Workshop \$600-1200
- Motivating Kids to Write \$500-700
- Avoiding Burnout \$600-1200
- **Fee dependent on length and application

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