Praise for
Me and the Pumpkin Queen

"This marvelously heartwarming story deserves a big blue ribbon!"
BookPage

"...a heartwarming and genuine offering that demands little and gives much."
Kirkus Reviews

"The author combines the art and science of horticulture with a gentle family story, a feel for a child in mourning, and just the right amount of humor and tension..."
School Library Journal

The Dog Days of Charlotte Hayes

“Author Marlane Kennedy does a wonderful job with characters who are so realistic, the reader expects to bump into them at the grocery store...Very highly recommended.”
Kidsreads.com

“Another fine effort, perhaps this entertaining read will serve to catch the attention of children everywhere living with too-easily neglected pets that have outgrown cute.”
Kirkus Reviews

“(A) gentle, appealing story…the familiar family and friendship issues and satisfying resolution make this an agreeable read.” *~Booklist*

Awards and Honors
Me and the Pumpkin Queen

Junior Library Guild Selection

American Bookseller’s Association
2007 Children’s Fall Book Sense Pick

BookPage Notable Book

2009/2010 South Carolina Children's Book Award Nominee

Master List 2009 Kentucky Bluegrass Book Awards Grades 3-5

Master List 2010 Oklahoma Children's Sequoyah Book Award Grades 3-5

Master List 2009/2010 Florida Sunshine State Young Readers Award Grades 3-5

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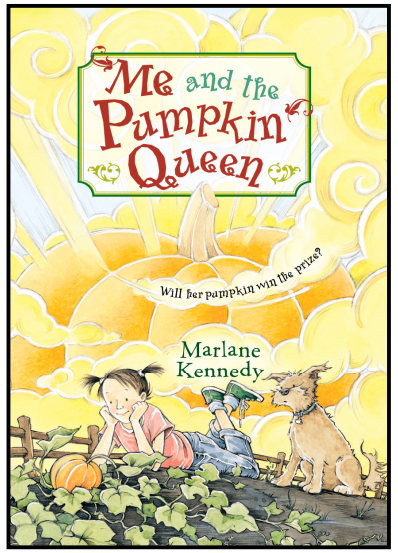
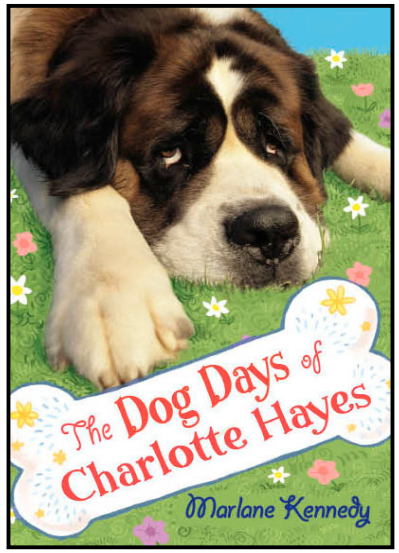
to your school!





About the author:
Marlane Kennedy spent her teen years in Circleville, Ohio, the setting for *Me and the Pumpkin Queen*. She now lives in Wooster, Ohio, with her husband, children, an enormous chocolate lab, and a very bossy black cat.

A full day visit includes up to four 50 minute PowerPoint presentations (can be done in either large assemblies or small groups) and time allotted for book signings.

*Writing workshops for small groups only (under 50 students) may be substituted into the schedule and includes a revision and first sentence activity.

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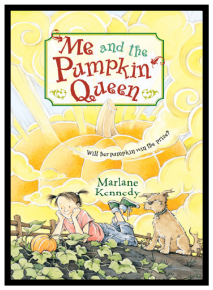
School Programs:

Me and the Pumpkin Queen



After four disastrous growing seasons, Mildred is hoping to finally have a flawless pumpkin to enter into the big weigh-off. But between the unpredictable weather and a busybody aunt, will she ever get a thousand pounder in her patch?

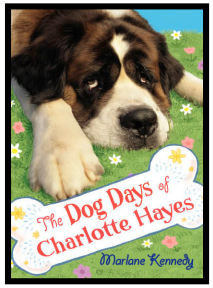
Get a Clue!
The Power of Research

Marlane discusses how she was able to write about a subject she knew very little about—giant pumpkin growing—through extensive research. She also talks about how her familiarity with Circleville and its festival, the Pumpkin Show, was a big help in writing the book. PowerPoint slides include amazing pictures of giant pumpkin patches and fun photos of the actual festival. Also covered is the revision process and how Marlane became a writer. There will be time for a brief question and answer period.

At the conclusion of each presentation all students will receive their own Atlantic Giant pumpkin seed to grow or keep as a souvenir!

*A combined presentation using important points from both programs is also available.

The Dog Days of Charlotte Hayes



Charlotte doesn't like dogs, but somehow she ends up taking care of a big slobbery and very neglected St. Bernard. She'd love nothing more than to find him a new home, but how can she when her very own father stands in the way?

Get Real!
Turning Life into Fiction

Using *The Dogs Days of Charlotte Hayes* as an example, Marlane discusses how events she experienced as a child and as an adult were turned into a novel. Subjects covered include the importance of having conflicts and problems as an integral part of the story and tips for character development. PowerPoint slides will show pictures of the author's childhood St. Bernard dog, Heidi, who inspired the story. The publication process will also be addressed. There will be time for a brief question and answer period.

An adorable stuffed Saint Bernard will be given to participating schools for use in a raffle or drawing.