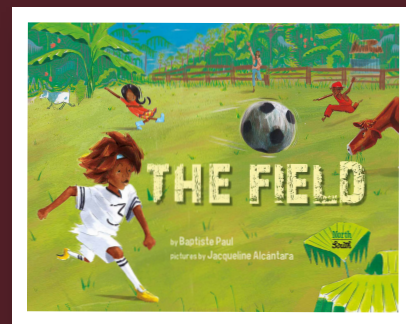




School Visits

with Baptiste Paul



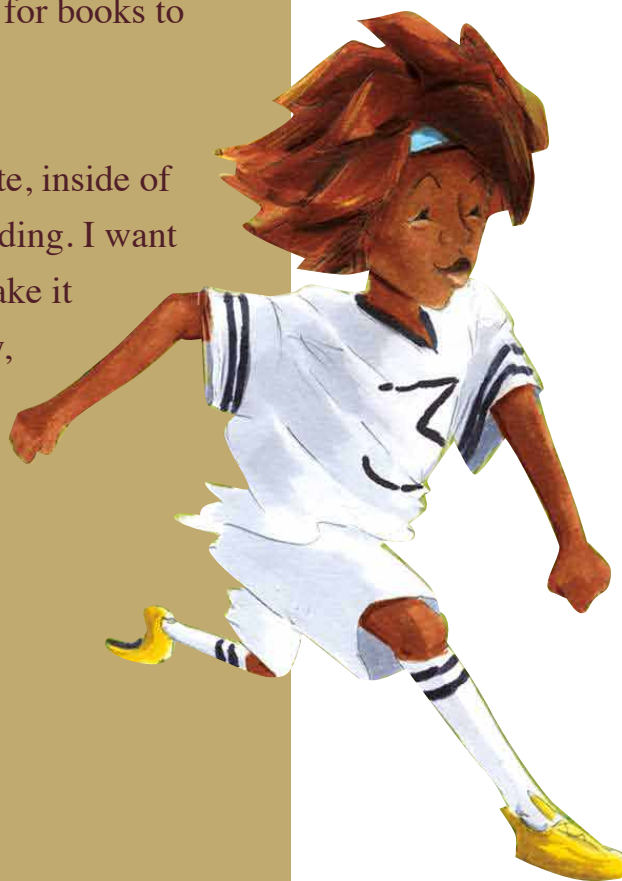
Dear Educators,

As a child, I loved to read and write but I had no idea that I would become an author one day. Growing up in Saint Lucia, authors never visited my schools and the only library was miles away from my home. So I frequently walked more than 20 kilometers (12 miles) round trip for books to read.

When I visit schools, I want to ignite, inside of every child, that enthusiasm for reading. I want every child to take my story and make it their own, in the hope that someday, they will use their stories to inspire a passion for reading and writing.

Sincerely,

Baptiste



Let's Learn Some
French Creole!

Hello (greeting): Bonjour

Friends: Kanmawad, Jan, Konpè

Let's go!: Annou alé, Ann' alé

Play: Jwé

Fun: Bon Tan

Family: Fanmi

Learn: Apwann

Teach: Moutwé, titj

Help: Asisté, édé

Team: Tim

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What to Expect When You Request A School Visit:

My presentation includes a reading of my book, powerpoint and Q&A session.

The student will learn:

- The process involved in writing the book.
- What it takes to write fiction or non fiction. (*depending on the book that is being presented*)
- A few choice words of French Creole!

I am happy to tailor my presentations to the needs of the instructor. Please feel free to contact me with specific requests to help tie a presentation into your curriculum.

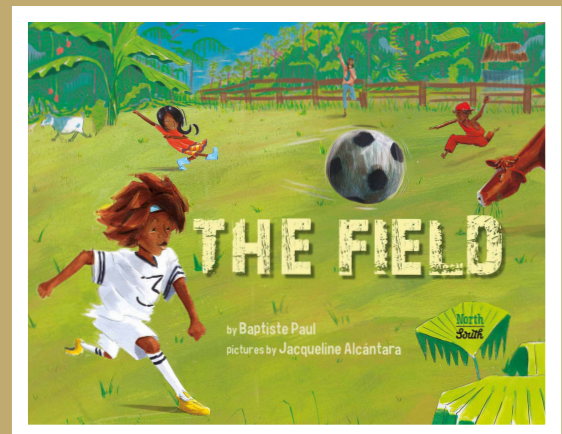
THE FIELD

written by Baptiste Paul illustrated by Jacqueline Alcántara

"Vini! Come! The field calls!" cries a girl as she and her younger brother rouse their community, family, friends, and the local fruit vendor for a pick-up soccer (futbol) game. Boys and girls, young and old, players and spectators come running - bearing balls, shoes, goals, and a love of the sport.

'Friends versus friends' teams are formed, the field is cleared of cows, and the game begins! But will a tropical rainstorm threaten their plans?

The world's most popular and inclusive sport has found its spirited, poetic, and authentic voice in Baptiste Paul's debut picture book - highlighting the joys of the game along with it's universal themes: teamwork, leadership, diversity, and acceptance. Creole words (as spoken in St. Lucia, the author's birthplace island in the Caribbean) add spice to the story and are a strong reminder of the sport's world fame. Bright and brilliant illustrations by debut children's book illustrator, Jacqueline Alcántara - winner of the We Need Diverse Books Illustration Mentorship Award - capture the grit and glory of the game and the beauty of the island setting where this particular field was inspired.



Sa ka fet!

My name is Baptiste Paul.

I'm a lot of things—a dad, a husband, a native of Saint Lucia, an author and a sports fan.

I enjoy sharing my island culture and Creole language with anyone who will listen. I also enjoy roasting my own coffee and chocolate and I love to eat anything I can grill.

I speak about and share my experiences at schools and events, and would be happy to speak for your group. My presentations include themes of teamwork, futbol, the writing process and my Creole culture.

I live and work in the US now (Wisconsin), but love to travel and will go just about anywhere.



FEES AND OPTIONS

FREE - Skype Visit (10 minutes of Q&A - class should be prepared/have read books in advance)

FREE - Simple reading/signing at a local bookstore, when I'm already in the area

\$400 - half-day *in state only* (up to three hours / two large-group presentations or three smaller presentations)

\$600 - full-day (up to six hours / three large-group presentations or five smaller presentations)

*Rates are based on presentations being in the same building/location, and do not include travel costs. Please feel free to contact me with special requests/custom program ideas—I am happy to work with you.

Multi-day visits or artist/author-in-residence programs eligible for discounted rates.
See contact info below.

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VISITING AUTHOR CONTRACT / BOOKING FORM

Please email Judy Cooper at bookthepauls@gmail.com to work out customized details, ask questions, set honorarium and/or travel amounts, and pre-book your date(s). To confirm the visit, complete and scan/email this form to bookthepauls@gmail.com eight weeks or more before the visit.

This letter of (date) _____ is to confirm Baptiste Paul's visit to (location) _____
_____ on ____/____/____ at a fee of \$_____. (see Fees & Options)

Please list the event description details, intended audience/age description, number of presentations, travel arrangements (if applicable) and other details/expectations of the presentation here (or attach schedule):

By signing this contract, the school or hosting organization agrees to:

1. List the author visit on the school/organization calendar and/or website.
2. Send a note to parents/members about the upcoming visit with an invitation to purchase books (*discuss the process with the author and/or local bookseller partner - more info will be given after booking*).
3. Display posters in advance of the visit (you can make your own or ask us to email you a custom one).
4. Prime the students/teachers/attendees for the visit by sharing Baptiste's biographical information with them, discussing the books/stories in class, preparing possible questions for him, considering related art and writing projects and/or suggesting that students and teachers visit baptistepaul.net.
5. E-mail proposed schedule/ itinerary for the visit as soon as possible to bookthepauls@gmail.com.
6. Contact any local media outlets that may want to cover the event. Invite the public if you plan to have an evening event for adults or local families. (*We can provide a press release template for you, please ask.*)
7. Provide speaker with a projector and screen for PowerPoint or Keynote presentation and a handheld microphone if there is an assembly or large room.
8. Provide a lunch/meal for any half- or full-day visit. Baptiste is happy to eat school lunch or dine with faculty.
9. Help on the day of the visit by being vigilant about the students' behavior during presentations.
10. Assign someone attending to take photographs and provide media releases if asked.
11. Pay the agreed upon total fee (above) on the day of the visit, as well as travel expenses (*if applicable*).
12. Get really excited and share that excitement with your students or members!

If weather or illness causes a cancellation, the visit will be rescheduled as soon as it is most convenient for both parties. If the visit has to be canceled by the school for any reason other than weather, the school will pay for any lost travel expenses and will pay one third of the fee if the visit cannot be rescheduled within a year. Baptiste will gladly give a refund in the case that he is the party who has to cancel and is not able to reschedule.

Contact's name: _____ Contact's phone # _____

School/Org. phone # _____ School/Org. Address: _____

Contact's e-mail: _____

Principal's/Executive's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Look Who Is Coming To Visit!



Children's Book Author **Baptiste Paul**

Where: _____

When: _____

Pre-order your autographed books by: _____

For more info about this event contact: _____

Event Sponsored By: _____