

Shana Keller | Media Kit



Short Bio

Shana Keller grew up a middle child in Middle America, always wondering exactly how clouds stayed in the air. She has traveled across the country and through parts of Europe with her family and moved more times than she can count. She is the author of *CeeCee Underground Railroad Cinderella*, a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard selection and a Kirkus Starred Review, as well as *Do You Know Them?*, also a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard selection. Her other picture books include *Bread for Words: A Frederick Douglass Story*, an Irma Black Honor, and *Ticktock Banneker's Clock*, which was named a Best STEM Book by the Children's Book Council.

Long Bio

Shana Keller is an award-winning, children's author whose books celebrate resilience, history, and family bonds. Her titles include *Do You Know Them?* (Junior Library Guild Gold Standard), *Bread for Words: A Frederick Douglass Story* (Irma Black Honor), and *Ticktock Banneker's Clock* (Children's Book Council Best STEM Book). She has also written *Fly, Firefly!*, *The Peach Pit Parade: A World War I Story*, *The Sole Man: Jan Matzeliger's Lasting Invention* (a Eureka! Nonfiction Children's Book Award Honor), and the recently released *CeeCee: Underground Railroad Cinderella* (Junior Library Guild Gold Standard). Passionate about history since her studies at the University of Miami, Florida, Shana continues to link the past to the present through her stories. Her lifelong travels across the United States and Europe have given her a rich perspective on culture, family—perspectives that continue to shape her sense of place and fuels the stories she tells.

Book Awards & Distinctions

CEECEE: UNDERGROUND RAILROAD CINDERELLA

- ALSC Notable Children's Books, Commended
- Center for the Study of Multicultural Children's Literature Best Books
- Jane Addams Children's Book Awards, Finalist
- Junior Library Guild
- International Literary Association, Notable Books for a Global Society
- Maryland Association of School Librarians Black-Eyed Susan, Finalist

DO YOU KNOW THEM? FAMILIES LOST AND FOUND AFTER THE CIVIL WAR

(on 2 State Lists)

- Junior Library Guild
- Notable Books for a Global Society
- Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People

THE SOLE MAN

(on 4 State Lists)

- Cardinal Cup Honor
- El día de los niños / El día de los libros
- Eureka Book Award Honor
- Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People

BREAD FOR WORDS; A FREDERICK DOUGLASS STORY

(on 4 State Lists)

- Irma S. Black James H. Black Award, Honor

TICKTOCK BANNEKER'S CLOCK

- Best STEM Books, Children's Book Council
- El día de los niños / El día de los libros

Guest Blogs, Activities, Interviews, & Readings

STORYSTORM

- [StoryStorm: Shana Keller Learns Ideas Have Their Own Timing](#)

GILDER LEHRMAN INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN HISTORY

- [Bread for Words: A Frederick Douglass Story featured in a Hamilton Read Along Session](#)
- [Ticktock Banneker's Clock featured in a Hamilton Read Along Session](#)

WRITING & ILLUSTRATING

- [Fly, Firefly! By Shana Keller](#)
- [The Peach Pit Parade by Shana Keller](#)
- [Bread for Words: A Frederick Douglass Story by Shana Keller](#)
- [Do You Know Them? Families Lost and Found After the Civil War by Shana Keller](#)
- [The Sole Man: Jan Matzeliger's Lasting Inventions by Shana Keller](#)

CAROL BALDWIN'S BLOG

- [Ticktock Banneker's Clock: A Picture Book Review & Interview](#)

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

- [Activities created by the Institute for School Partnership at Washington University for TICKTOCK BANNEKER'S CLOCK](#)

INTERVIEWS

- [Book Q&As with Deborah Kalb](#)
- [Celebrate Picture Books – Rachel Carson Day an Interview with Shana Keller](#)

LITLINKS (*Contact me for copies of the LitLink blogs listed below)

- Developing Wonder with the Natural World; Rachel Carson and Wonder
- An Easy Way to Explore Bioluminescence
- How Peach Pits + WWI History = A Great Science Lesson
- How Benjamin Banneker Can Surprise Your Students
- The Case for Reverse Engineering – Why Children Should Dismantle Broken (or Even Perfectly Good) Stuff