

# Author Laura Murray

## Bio



Laura Murray was a teacher before becoming an author and has had to deal with many an escaped Gingerbread Man in her time.

She is the author of **The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School**, and the Gingerbread Man's continuing school adventures –

- **The Gingerbread Man Loose on the Fire Truck**
- **The Gingerbread Man Loose at Christmas**
- **The Gingerbread Man Loose at the Zoo**
- **The Gingerbread Man & the Leprechaun Loose at School** (2018)

This humor-filled, rhyming series was inspired by a Gingerbread man that managed to escape her classroom every single school year. Her first book won the 2014 Virginia and Illinois Reader's Choice Award, and was nominated for 8 other state awards as well; is a Publisher's Weekly, Amazon, and Scholastic Book Clubs Bestseller, a Junior Library Guild Selection; a Florida Children's Choice Award Honor book; and received a starred ALA Booklist review.

The Gingerbread Man's continuing adventures have been chosen for the Junior Library Guild, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, been on numerous "Best Holiday Books" and "Back to School" lists, and in Scholastic Book Clubs and Fairs.

Laura is currently writing more picture books and a middle-grade adventure novel. She loves connecting with students, and is a popular speaker at schools. She also enjoys presenting and sharing ideas with colleagues at state, regional, and national conferences for teachers, librarians, and writers.

Laura is a member of SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators) and the Children's Book Guild of Washington DC.

She lives, explores, and has loads of fun with her family in northern Virginia. Visit her on Twitter [@LauraMurrayBook](https://twitter.com/LauraMurrayBook) or on her website at [www.LauraMurrayBooks.com](http://www.LauraMurrayBooks.com) for awesome book-related activities and lessons, Common Core & Standards-linked teacher's guides, as well as information on school author presentations.

## Short Bio

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