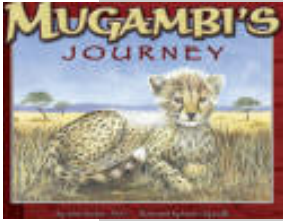


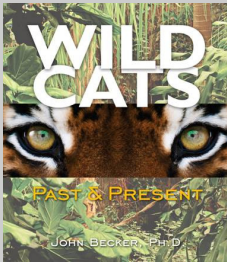
ABOUT

DR. JOHN BECKER

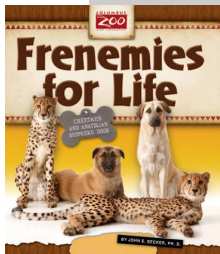


Dr. John Becker is a writer of books and magazine articles about nature and wild animals for children. He graduated from The Ohio State University in the field of Education. He has been an elementary school teacher, college professor, zoo administrator at the Columbus Zoo in Ohio and has worked in the field of wildlife conservation as Executive Director of the International Society for Endangered Cats.

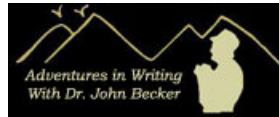
He currently resides in Delaware, Ohio and teaches writing at The Thurber Writing Academy. He enjoys visiting schools and sharing his passion for writing, reading and exploring with students. In his spare time, Dr. Becker likes to read, hike, ice skate and play tennis. In 2007, Dr. Becker was inducted into his Alma Mater's Hall of Fame (Brunswick High School in Brunswick, Ohio).



Dr. Becker is the author of *Mugambi's Journey*, a fictional picture book, for Gingham Dog Press. He has also written a series of nonfiction children's books for KidHaven Press entitled "Returning Wildlife". For beginning readers, Dr. Becker penned the Seedling series through Continental Press. His book, *Wild Cats Past & Present* was named to VOYA's 2008 Nonfiction Honor List. His newest book, *Frenemies for Life*, was published by the Columbus Zoo.



He has also written articles about wildlife for *Highlights for Children*, *Boys' Life*, *Chickadee*, *Wildlife Conservation*, *Wild Outdoor World*, *Georgia Wildlife*, *Hopscotch for Girls*, *ZooLife*, *Animals and Fun for Kidz* magazines.



"Having worked for many years with wildlife expert Jack Hanna, John has traveled throughout the world to observe and write about endangered animals in their natural habitats. He is also a frequent guest author in schools, where he teaches children to write nonfiction and creative stories that focus on the natural world. Because John writes quality children's literature that inspires learning, his work is a terrific fit with our Gingham Dog Press imprint."

~ Janet Sweet, Senior Editor - Gingham Dog Press

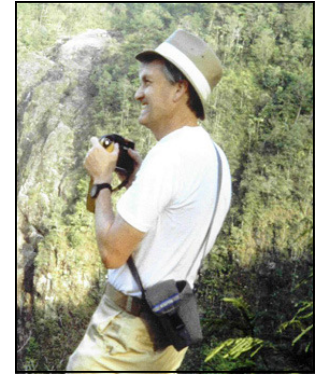
Dr. Becker has been a chosen author visit for four years in a row here at Scioto Trail. Our children look forward to his visits and are always entertained by his stories and anecdotes about nature and animals. Our Ohio Fourth Grade Proficiency scores in Writing have increased to 83.7%! This is well above the state standard and we owe this, in part, to Dr. Becker's visits, helping us reinforce the value of writing and expression. The staff and students are very excited about next year's visit and the new picture book."

~ Candace M. Nespeca, Principal, Scioto Trail Elementary, Columbus, OH.



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All programs include:



- An **Opening Assembly** focused on the theme of your choice and includes: the story behind the story, reading from the book, and video of the author's field research.
- Two **Grade-Level Sessions** featuring a Question & Answer with Dr. Becker about the fiction/nonfiction writing process, brainstorming, exploring and additional storytelling specifically designed for that grade level.
- A **Book Signing Session** - Books may be purchased by pre-sale, or on the day of the program and can be signed in a one-on-one meet and greet with Dr. Becker.

Additional Details:

Each program is specifically designed for the appropriate grade level (K-8) and will last approximately 45-60 minutes.

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“Wild Cats Past & Present”

Wild cats are mysterious creatures that are disappearing at a rapid rate. This program focuses on the plight of these magnificent animals and the nonfiction writing process from A to Z.

“Frenemies for Life”

Find out how four animals - two cheetahs and two Anatolian shepherd dogs—from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium help spread the word about saving cheetahs.



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