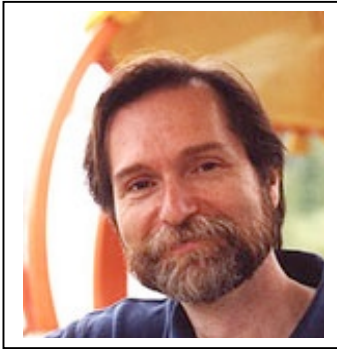


The Royle Enrichment Committee is pleased to announce a visit with author Tony Abbott on Thursday, November 10. Mr. Abbott has written over 75 books including the very



popular series *Secrets of the Droon*, *The Haunting of*

Derek Stone and the award-winning novel, *Firegirl*. A graduate of the University of Connecticut, reading bedtime stories to his own children inspired his love of writing children's novels. He has sold over 8 million of his books worldwide and we are thrilled that each grade will spend an hour with the author while he discusses reading, writing and story telling. Library copies are being circulated in the classrooms for students to preview the different titles. Mr. Abbott's books are available

for order and will be signed by the author himself and sent home with your child the day of his visit. The completed attached order forms are due on Friday, October 21st and checks should be made out to Royle PTO. Please contact Katrina O'Connor at katrinagoc@gmail.com if you have any questions. Below are the titles available for purchase.

**Tony Abbott, Author
Grades 3-5
Thursday, Nov. 10th**



Kringle is the coming of age story about an orphan who becomes a force for good in a dark and violent time. It is a tale of fantasy of goblins, elves and flying reindeer – and about a boy from the humblest of beginnings who fulfills his destiny. Our tale begins in 500 A.D., when goblins kidnap human children and set them to work in underground mines. Kringle is one such child... until he discovers his mission –to free children from enslavement. His legend lives on today as he travels the earth every Christmas Eve to quell the goblins once more. **Ages 9 or fourth grade and up.**



The Haunting of Derek Stone (#4): The Ghost Road

This series is unlike any other. It is a dark and darkly comic tale of ghosts and haunting in the great Southern Gothic tradition. It's a fast moving story of the underside of life, a black comedy, and a hauntingly realistic fable in which an ordinary boy discovers the truth that the road to the afterlife just might be a two way street. **Age 9 or fourth grade and up.**



Secrets of the Droon (#1): The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet Eric, Julia and Neal have just found something magic in Eric's basement. They have discovered a staircase to another world! The world of Droon is amazing – full of magic, flying lizards and fun, furry creatures. But how will Eric, Julie and Neal find their way home? Maybe their new friend, Princess Keeah can help. **Ages 7 or second grade and up.**



Secrets of the Droon (Spec. Edition # 7): The Genie King Neal, Julie and Keeah are on a quest to find the wizard Galen and his all-powerful Moon Medallion that is hidden in Ut, the magical city in a bottle, that only makes an appearance once every one hundred years. Neal will travel through time to complete seven difficult trials. Will he pass the genie test to save his friend? **Ages 7 or second grade and up.**



From the moment Jessica arrives, life is never quite the same for Tom Bender and his seventh grade classmates. They learn that Jessica has been in a fire and was badly burned, and will be attending St. Catherine's while getting medial treatments. Despite her startling appearance and the fear she evokes in him and most of her class, Tom slowly develops a tentative friendship with Jessica that changes him. An award-winning novel, *Firegirl* is a story about how even the smallest gestures can have a profound impact on someone's life. **Ages 10 or fifth grade and up.**

Tony Abbott Book Order Form

Please indicate the number of copies per title.

Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

__ The Haunting of Derek Stone: The Ghost Road (Paperback) \$5

__ The Secrets of the Droon: The Hidden Stairs & the Magic Carpet (Paperback) \$5

__ The Secrets of the Droon: The Genie King (Paperback) \$7

__ Firegirl (Paperback) \$6

__ Kringle (Hardcover) \$15

Total Number of Books: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ (Please make checks out to Royle PTO)

For financial assistance, please contact Keith Margolus.

Book Orders are due no later than Friday, October 21st.

Books will be delivered to your child's classroom.

If you would like to have your book be a gift, please indicate so we will make it available for you to pick up.

If you have any questions, please email

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Thank you for supporting this wonderful event!