

## “I’m New to Picture Books!” Immersion Program In-Person & Phone Consultations

I love to meet with writers in the greater Denver area or online to help them hone their craft, establish good writing practices, plan next steps and more.

Below is my recommended program for those who are new to the world of writing children’s picture books. The sessions can be taken over a series of weeks or months—all dependent on your schedule, writing rhythm and needs.



*Note: The fees are for a picture book manuscript up to 1,000 words. For a manuscript over 1,000 words (such as a nonfiction manuscript), contact Denise for fees.*

### Session 1: Picture Books 101

This 90-minute session will get you started with what a picture book is, its unique aspects, and how to begin looking at picture books with a more critical and discerning eye.

### Session 2: Words and Pictures

In this one-hour session you’ll explore how words and illustrations in a picture book relate to each other and how you can begin thinking about your own work in light of the fact that the illustrations often tell part of the story. This will include exploration of existing picture books, discussion and exercises.

### Session 3: Shaping Your Story

This one-hour session will be a brainstorming session—either for a new idea if you haven’t started a story or with an existing story where we discuss how to incorporate what you’ve learned in Sessions 1 and 2. We’ll talk about the story itself, the story point or theme(s), characters and more higher level craft elements. You will then go off to write or rewrite your story.

### Session 4: High Level Feedback

This one-hour session will be a discussion of your story after I’ve read it and sent you some notes. We will go over what notes resonate with you, how you might approach the changes, and any questions you may have or brainstorming you want to do.

### Session 5: Revision Feedback

This one-hour session will be a discussion of your story after you’ve revised based on Session 4 and I have reviewed it and sent you notes. We will go over what notes resonate with you, how you might approach the changes, and any questions you may have or brainstorming you want to do.

### Session 6: Revision and Next Steps

This one-hour session will be a discussion of your story after another revision as well as next steps with the manuscript.

## Fees

If you did these six sessions individually, the fees would be \$650 in-person/\$625 by phone or video chat.

As a package, you pay \$595 in-person/\$575 phone or video chat.

*If you wish to pay in installments, contact Denise to set up a plan.*

## Scheduling Your Consultation

**Please use the online form on my website to submit your request (scroll to bottom):**

<https://www.denisevega.com/consultations-and-coaching/>

Once I have received the request, I will schedule your first session at a mutually agreed-upon date and time.

Except for Session 1 which is longer and may be scheduled during an evening or weekend, the expectation is that our sessions will take place during normal business hours: 9:00am – 5:00pm, Monday - Friday. If this won't work for you, we can discuss alternatives which may or may not incur a small additional fee.



Visit my website to find out more about my education, experience and expertise as well as my published books.

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