



## Writers of Distinction Bios

MFA in Writing for Children & Young Adults  
January 2012 Residency

**Libba Bray** will be our writer-in-residence in January. Libba is the author of the New York Times Bestselling Gemma Doyle trilogy, which is comprised of the novels, *A Great and Terrible Beauty*, *Rebel Angels*, and *The Sweet Far Thing*. She won the Michael L. Printz award for excellence in young adult literature for her novel, *Going Bovine*, and her most recent novel, *Beauty Queens*, was named one of Kirkus Reviews Best Teen Books of 2011. Libba has also contributed to several YA anthologies, including *Geektastic*, *Zombies Vs. Unicorns* and the recent *Steampunk! An Anthology of Fantastically Rich and Strange Stories*. When Libba isn't writing, she's one quarter of the all-YA author band, Tiger Beat, along with Dan Ehrenhaft, Natalie Standiford, and Barnabas Miller. Libba will give a reading and informal talk as well as participate in small group sessions with students. You can learn more about her at her website [www.libbabray.com](http://www.libbabray.com).

**Marla Frazee** will be our author/illustrator for the winter residency. She has published more than a dozen picture books, including *A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever* (which received a Caldecott Honor Award and a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor) and the *Clementine* series. *The Boss Baby* won a School Library Journal Best Book of the Year for 2010. Marla will work with the Picture Book Semester students during two of the workshops and will also give a reading and an informal talk. For more on her work visit her website [www.marlafrazee.com](http://www.marlafrazee.com)