

Whitney Estenson

Author Visit Information



Whitney Estenson is the author of The Ascendant Series, a Young Adult Literature fantasy series. Whitney builds a diverse world filled with characters from all walks of life. Her world features magical abilities and locations, all while keeping it grounded in characters and the very real world challenges young people face every day. Through her novels, she shows it is possible to overcome any setback using internal grit and strength of character.

Whitney has been in education since 2009. She has a Bachelor's Degree in English Education and a Master's Degree in Educational Technology. She has taught English Language Arts and Journalism. With over a decade in the classroom, she has the unique ability to roll with the punches and customize her presentation to fit the age level and interest of your audience.

Her presentation is engaging, interactive, and inspiring!

So, what's the presentation about?

Whitney offers several, customized presentations depending on what your students need. All presentations are appropriate for grades 7 and above.

Examples include:

Writer's workshop:

Works best with small groups, Whitney will sit down and go through exercises she uses when writing. Workshop can focus on character building, setting the scene, dialogue, or "showing" not "telling." Sessions could run anywhere from 40 minutes-2 hours.

How Do I Become a Writer?

Whitney shares her story about her road to becoming a published author. She focuses on the necessary skills for being a successful writer, and the unconventional route she took to getting where she is today. Works well with groups of 20-60. Roughly 40 minutes.

Author Assembly:

A blend of storytelling and education, this presentation is very pro literacy and talks about the importance of not selling yourself short. Works with groups of any size. 1 hour.

The Ascendant Series Novels

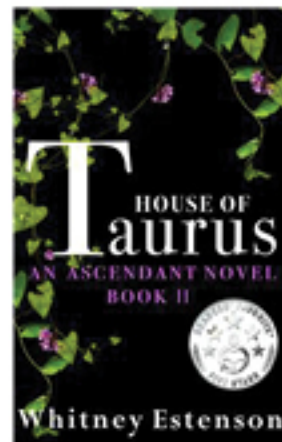


House of Aries-The Ascendant Series Book I

Kyndal Davenport has suffered terrible tragedy. As the sole survivor of a car crash that claimed her entire family, Kyndal knew that her life would never again be easy. Now she must live with an aunt she has never met in a small town she has never been to. Worse, at school she is hounded with taunts and whispered rumors by suspicious classmates. When she receives the rare attention of the alluring but inscrutable Roman Sands, Kyndal must determine what his true intentions are. But the everyday pains of adjusting to her new life are put aside when Kyndal wakes from strange dreams, finding her sheets on fire and her skin unburned. When Kyndal develops a powerful connection with Roman, she discovers that she isn't the only extraordinary person in Marienville, Pennsylvania. Roman reveals that his interest in Kyndal goes far beyond a high school romance; an interest that may decide the fate of the entire world.

House of Taurus-The Ascendant Series Book II

Nearly everyone who knew him says that Roman Sands is as good as dead. Corrupted by the dark magic of his adoptive father Ezekiel, Roman has been twisted into the very thing that he had sworn to destroy. But Kyndal Davenport isn't ready to give up on him yet. Hardened by Ezekiel's betrayal, and determined to find a way to undo Roman's curse, Kyndal devotes herself to honing her powers as the last living descendant of the Original Aries: one of the strongest bloodlines in Kindred history. But while Kyndal remains with her new allies in the Allegheny, the threat of Ezekiel and his new army looms over all the Kindred.



House of Libra- The Ascendant Series Book III

Released from what was to be an eternal confinement for his crimes, the chaos god Set threatens the very existence of the Kindred. His catastrophic attack on the Kindred's home base, the island of Awen, has ignited a war. Facing a god and a newly formed hybrid army, the Kindred must take extraordinary steps to prepare. Old traditions have been restored as four warriors have been brought together to form a new Guard, their people's best hope of defeating Set. Kyndal Davenport will face her greatest challenges as she uncovers secrets of the past, secrets she fears revealing to anyone, particularly her beloved Roman. As those in power move to use the Guard for their own purpose, doubt seeps in as to whom Kyndal can trust. And as her powers, skills, and new magical knowledge from The Book of Breathings expands, she uncovers a secret that shakes her to her fiery core.

Purchasing of books can be made directly through Whitney ahead of time to have ready and signed on the day of the event. They may also be purchased through Amazon or BarnesandNoble.com.

What do I need to have ready on the day of?

On the day of the event, the biggest thing to prepare is the event space. Students are the most engaged in a speaker when they can listen as well as have something to look at. Access to an internet connection, computer, and projector are a must.

Other things that are nice, but not necessary: bottled water and refreshments, especially if your author visit will last all day.

Okay, but what will all this cost?

Cost breaks down into three categories:

Category A: Schools under 60 miles from Topeka, KS.

Rate: \$100 an hour
\$100 discount for full day
No charge for mileage

Category B: Schools over 60 miles from Topeka, KS. Does not require overnight stay.

Rate: \$100 an hour
\$100 discount for full day
Host school pays for mileage

Category C: Schools over 60 miles from Topeka, KS. Requires overnight stay.

Rate: \$100 an hour
\$100 discount for full day
Host school pays for travel, lodging, meals

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