

Rob Sanders is a writer who teaches, and a teacher who writes. A native of Springfield, Missouri, Rob has also lived in Texas, Alabama, and Tennessee. After earning his B.S. in Elementary Education and a Masters in Religious Education, Rob worked for fifteen years in children's religious educational publishing as a writer, educational consultant, editor, editorial group manager, and product developer.

In 2006, Rob moved to Florida and began working as an elementary teacher. Soon he was serving as a district writing trainer, and later became a writing resource teacher. These days you'll find him mentoring teachers and teaching and coaching the 800+ kindergarten through fifth grade student writers at Mintz Elementary School in Brandon, Florida.

Writing daily with children inspired Rob to pursue his own passion for writing. His first picture book, *Cowboy Christmas*, illustrated by John Manders, was released by Golden Books/Random House in 2012. *Outer Space Bedtime Race*, illustrated by Brian Won, will be released by Random House Children's Books in Spring 2015. Two books based on Rob's character Ruby Rose are on their way from HarperCollins. The books will be illustrated by Debbie Ohi and the first, *Ruby Rose on Her Toes*, will be released in Summer 2016.