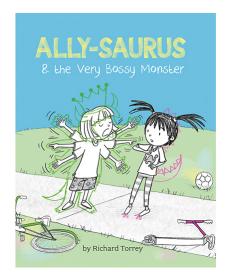
## ALLY-SAURUS & THE VERY BOSSY MONSTER





"It's a story that advocates for defending one's passions and running wild with them." – *Publishers Weekly* 

"A message for the bossiest of friends but also a quiet lesson in valuing differences." – *Kirkus* 

**Richard Torrey**, author of 15 books, including **ALLY-SAURUS & THE VERY BOSSY MONSTER** (Sterling Children's Books, 2017) and **ALLY-SAURUS & THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** (2015), is highly acclaimed for his educational, inspirational, and entertaining presentations to groups of any size and all ages.

Richard is available for author appearances at bookstores, libraries and schools. The following activities can be combined to suit the venue/event:

- **Reading:** Richard reads Ally-saurus & the Very Bossy Monster aloud to attendees, showing the pages via a projector to enhance the experience.
- **Speaking:** Using a colorful and entertaining PowerPoint presentation, Richard breaks down the process of creating a children's book, from the initial idea to the finished product.
- Drawing: Richard will demonstrate how to draw his characters, describe his technique and thought process. He can also facilitate group drawing exercises.
- Q & A/Book Signing: Richard will answer audience questions and sign books.



**ABOUT THE BOOK**: Ally-saurus and her friends always have lots of fun playing pretend. They stomp, they roar, they dance, each in their own way. But new girl Maddie wants everyone to play by HER rules. "Monsters can't be dinosaurs or dancers," she insists. Worst of all, she won't let little Petey have his teddy bear! Can Ally-saurus help Maddie understand that bossiness is no fun at all? With charm and humor, Richard Torrey teaches a gentle lesson in respecting each other's differences . . . and playing nice.

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