

Kevin Coolidge is currently the author of 11 children's books and is the creator of the Totally Ninja Raccoons. He's available for school presentations from kindergarten to the 4th grade.

Presentations include information on the writing process and encouraging fun in literacy. Kevin is available for interviews across the media spectrum. As a bookstore owner, he can talk about books, small business, literacy, and most aspects of popular culture.

Kevin resides in Wellsboro, just a short hike from the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon. When he's not writing, he'll be at From My Shelf Books & Gifts, an independent bookstore he runs with his lovely wife, Kasey, several employees, and two bookstore cats, Huck & Finn.

He's recently become an honorary member of the Cat Board, so when he's not scooping the litter box, cleaning up hairballs, or feeding Gypsy her tuna, he's writing more stories about the cats and the adventures of the Totally Ninja Raccoons.

"The Totally Ninja Raccoons" is a series of early chapter books, target audience first through fourth grade. The books are specially structured to encourage reluctant readers. Short chapters, humor, adventure, and one picture per chapter keep kids feeling a sense of engagement and accomplishment as they plow through these stories and ask for more!

Each book has the Totally Ninja Raccoons encountering a cryptid -- a creature from folklore or mythology, whose existence is not currently confirmed by modern science. The "monsters" are presented in a fun, not-too-scary way, and readers are encouraged to do their own research to make up their minds about the possible existence of Bigfoot, werewolves, thunderbirds, sidehill gougers, the Loch Ness monster, and others.

*All books available at Ingram, with a suggested cover price of \$6.99 or less. They are returnable and sold at regular discount to those with an Ingram account. Special arrangements can also be made to buy directly with Kevin.

*First book in the series is *The Totally Ninja Raccoons Meet Bigfoot*. Although this first book establishes their origin story, the series can really be read in any order.

*All books take place in Pennsylvania, making it a great regional selection for kids to learn about their region, or buy as a souvenir when visiting. These books become something special, then, that buyers won't find at every store or Scholastic Book Fair.

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