

Book a School Visit with Ann Braden!

As a former middle school teacher & author, Ann Braden brings together energy and an inspiring message of student empowerment and empathy.

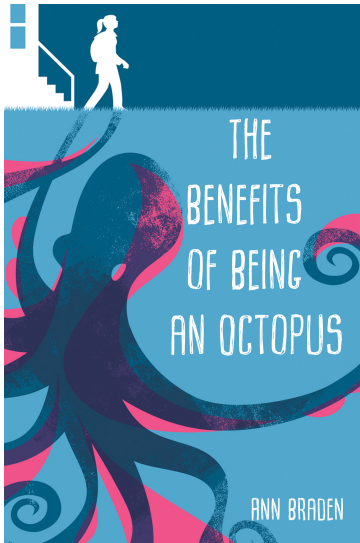
"Best author visit I've ever attended!"

— A Veteran Teacher

"Her positivity, message, and ease of interacting with the students are wonderful!"

— Lea Marcello, Library Media Specialist





Praise for *The Benefits of Being an Octopus*:

"This heartbreaking, beautifully written book about finding one's voice will offer some readers a relatable reflection and others a window that can help build empathy and understanding."

— School Library Journal, ★ Starred Review ★

"This is a compassionate look at poverty, hard choices, and defending one's right to be treated humanely. A very fine first novel, written with a deft hand."

— Newbery Medal Winner Karen Hesse

Ann offers both large assemblies & smaller workshops. In her presentations she draws on the main character Zoey to discuss the steps for being on #TeamOctopus:

- 1) Recognize your own superpowers.
- 2) Name the obstacles in your path.
- 3) Find the courage to speak up.
- 4) Team up with allies who will listen and support you.

In the book, Zoey draws an octopus on her shoulder to remind herself of her inner strength, and at the end of the presentation Ann gives each student a temporary octopus tattoo so they can remind themselves of their own inner strength.



Book your school visit today!

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