

# Offers, News & Opportunities

## A Book Offer from an MSTA Member to Teachers! From Lucinda Mitchell

My name is Lucinda Mitchell and I live in North Branch, Michigan. I am a 6th grade science and language arts teacher. I have been 2004 NSTA/Estes (National Science Teachers Association/Estes Rocketry) Space Educator of the Year, 2007 Lapeer County Educator of the Year, finalist in the NASA (NEAT) Educator Astronaut program, and been to U.S. Space and Rocket Center for Educators. I have experienced weightless flight and been lunar certified. My Master's Degree is in Space Studies, from Regis University in Colorado, something pretty new and unique.



Not long ago I decided to combine my passions of reading and writing with space and the result was to write and self publish some children's books (*see book descriptions below*). There are a couple of unique things about these books. First, the constellation books are based on myths, but retold appropriately and specifically for children. Second, each book focuses on only one or a few constellations, where many books on the market dedicate one page per constellation. Third, these books are illustrated by students. It is my goal to get them into the hands of children, to make them look to the sky and to ask questions. I am available for book talks, workshops, and guest author opportunities.

### Space and Constellation Books Order Form

Books can be obtained signed and direct from the author for \$11 each. *Any mailing will require an additional \$2 per book.*

#### Personal Information

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Book Selection and Quantity

- Write to the Outer Limits \_\_\_\_\_ quantity x \$11 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Eros's Encounter \_\_\_\_\_ quantity x \$11 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Demeter's Dilemma \_\_\_\_\_ quantity x \$11 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Royalty's Ruin \_\_\_\_\_ quantity x \$11 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Scorpio's Skirmish \_\_\_\_\_ quantity x \$11 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTALS:** quantity = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Billing Information:

- Pay by Check (check enclosed)
- Pay by Credit (please contact the author)

\*Books can also be obtained from [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com) or other major book stores online. Prices and shipping will vary with each company.

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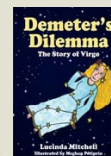
*Write to the Outer Limits* is a collection of space writings in the form of poetry. Poems included are on the topics of: stars, planets, space, numbers, Neptune, moon phases, NASA, astronauts, and the shuttle. Poems include rhyming, free verse, acrostic, and couplets. This book was illustrated by Jacob Lucia, when he was in 8th grade.



*Eros's Encounter* is the story of the constellation Pisces. A little boy, Eros, accidentally wakes a sleeping dragon by hitting it with a stray arrow. Eros and his mother flee from the giant, leading it to water, where its flames are eternally extinguished. Eros and his mother are rescued by two fish, known as Pisces. This book was illustrated by Landon Orr, when he was in the 7th grade.



*Demeter's Dilemma* is the story of the constellation Virgo. Demeter, or Mother Nature is unable to do her job tending Earth's plants when her daughter, Persephone goes to the Underworld to join her husband, Hades. A compromise is reached which explains the reason for the seasons. This book was illustrated by Meghan Petiprin when she was a sophomore in high school.



*Scorpio's Skirmish* is the mythology behind the constellations Scorpio and Orion. Scorpio is sent to punish Orion for the way he misused his hunting privilege. It is about consequences for actions. It was illustrated by Mallory Sippell, a sixth grader.



*Royalty's Ruin* is a mythical story about the royal family - Queen Cassiopeia, King Cepheus, and Princess Andromeda. Cassiopeia is a very powerful but vain ruler. She offends others with her conceit. To make amends, she has to sacrifice her only daughter, Andromeda. Perseus, on Pegasus, flies by and rescues Andromeda.

