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Something very cool happened the other day. I opened up my email and had a message. Someone had commented on my library blog. This is not unusual as often a student has made a comment about a book I have talked about or some topic of their choice. The message did not come from a student however- it was from an author. It seems that I posted about his book, giving it a good review and encouraging students to “Come check it out!” He somehow found my blog and posted a comment, thanking me for the review and giving us his contact information. Since then we have been in contact in he may visit our school in the future. So, this was amazing to me for two reasons. First, someone is actually reading my blog! Second, there are authors who are looking to come and visit us. They are out there looking for us out and all we need to do is find them. If you are looking to have an author visit your school, you are in luck. The MSLA has started an Author Database Wiki http://maauthors-msla.wikispaces.com/ It contains a list of local authors who do school visits and their contact information. It also includes a local librarian who has hosted the author and their contact information for any questions you may have. Other helpful resources can be found on the Links page. These include organizations of authors and illustrators, Skyping authors, and more. This wiki is a living document. As authors are added, it will become an invaluable resource for all of us. We do need your help however. If you have recently had an author visit your school, please consider visiting the wiki and sharing your information. This is easily done by completing a simple form. Together we can make this a great resource!