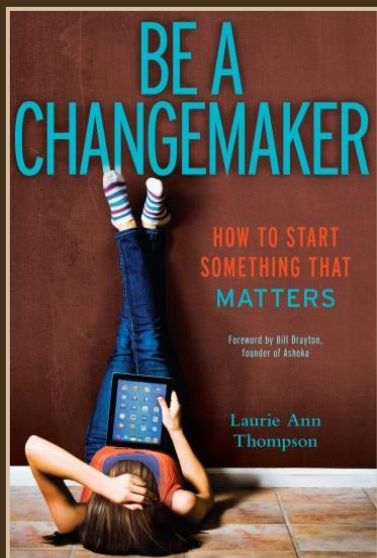


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BE A CHANGEMAKER: HOW TO START SOMETHING THAT MATTERS

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"This book is packed with practical advice and inspiration for anyone who has a yearning to build a better world."

— David Bornstein, author of *How to Change the World* and columnist for the *NY Times*

When Divine Bradley was 17, he wanted a safe place to hang out away from gangs and violence, so he organized a youth-led community center. At age 11, Jessica Markowitz learned that girls in Rwanda are often not allowed to attend school, so she founded a nonprofit to help. Today's youth can create the changes they want to see in their communities and around the world—right now. Readers will gain the tools and confidence they need to research ideas, build a team, create a business plan, find a mentor, plan events, work with the media, and more! Plus, profiles of young changemakers show readers that it's never too early to start.

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Author Visit Programs

"You Can Be a Changemaker" Workshop (grades 5-12)

Drawing on *BE A CHANGEMAKER*, this workshop will introduce youth to the idea that, in today's world, everyone can—and should—be a changemaker. Laurie will present real-world examples of young people who are making their mark on the world, inspire students to dream big and take positive action in their communities and around the world, and give practical tips for success. This workshop can be tailored for large or small groups, for ages 10 and up, and from 30-90 minutes in length, depending on your needs.

"The Basics of Writing Nonfiction" Presentation (for grades K-5):

Laurie will start by talking about where to find ideas for what to write about, then move on to detail the process of nonfiction writing, including research, planning, drafting, revising, and editing. The presentation is very interactive and includes visuals of the author's nonfiction articles and books as examples throughout. This workshop can be tailored from kindergarten up to fifth grade and can be 30-90 minutes in length, depending on your needs.

Custom Program

Have something else in mind? Just email Laurie and let her know. She'd love to hear your ideas for how she can help your school, classroom, group, club, readers, and/or authors!

About the Author



Laurie Ann Thompson loves big ideas. She comes from a family of entrepreneurs and small business owners, and she has worked for major corporations, co-founded a successful internet start-up, led a regional nonprofit organization and volunteered with many others, including Ashoka's Youth Venture, which supports teens who want to change the world. These days Laurie tries to make the world a better place one word—and one reader—at a time.