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**RAVENS, RIDDLES & WRITING DESKS!**

 Award-winning author George Hagen, www.georgehagen.com, will visit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ school on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_to teach riddle lore and talk about the writing process behind his exciting new middle-grade fantasy novel, *Gabriel Finley and The Raven's Riddle*. He promises to reveal a few secrets behind the editorial process and deliver a riddle-making lesson for children who might be interested in following the footsteps of his title character, Gabriel, who loves riddles more than anything.

 What do Odin, Homer, Shakespeare and the Beatles have in common? A love of puns, wordplay and ticklish riddles. Hagen draws on Norse and Greek mythology, *Yellow Submarine* and Monty Python for inspiration in writing his book.

[\*Can you solve this Sumarian riddle: “There is a house. One enters it blind and comes out seeing. What is it?"]

George Hagen is the award-winning author of two novels for adults*. The Laments*—a *Washington Post* bestseller and recipient of the William Saroyan International Prize for writing--has been compared to the work of John Irving and Ann Tyler and described by *Publishers Weekly* as "a funny, touching novel about the meaning of family." *Tom Bedlam* was called "a Victorian three-decker novel [that] shines with contemporary clarity and moves at the speed of 'The Sopranos'" by the *Los Angeles Times*. Hagen had lived on three continents by the time he was twelve. The father of three children, he now lives in Brooklyn. This is his first book for tweens. For more information, visit [georgehagen.com](http://www.georgehagen.com).

 Riddle Answer: "A School.”]