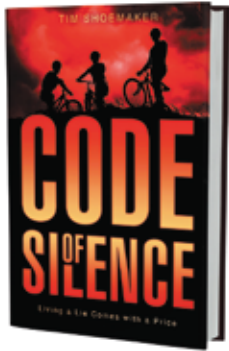


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***Code of Silence*** - “Booklist 2013 Top Ten Crime Novels for Youth”  
*Living a lie comes with a price.*

Three friends witness a violent robbery and fearing for their lives, make a pact to hide what they know. Trapped in a code of silence, they must face the consequences of choosing right or wrong—when both options have a price.

“...deliberate, plausible, and gritty whodunit.”

★ – Booklist Starred Review



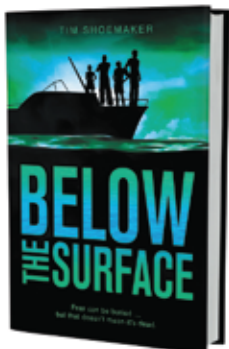
***Back Before Dark***

*Sometimes rescuing a friend from darkness . . . means going in after them.*

When Gordy is abducted, Cooper struggles with guilt and takes increasing risks to find him. With no ransom call and no leads, everyone fears the worst. Cooper can't live with that—and makes a decision that just might get him killed.

“...sickeningly smart. You will not have any fingernails left by the final page.”

– Booklist Review



***Below the Surface***

*Fear can be buried . . . but that doesn't mean it's dead.*

Cooper and friends just want to enjoy their summer vacation with no mysteries and no trouble. And no way that is going to happen. Old fears and new dangers are just below the surface—and have a way of finding them.




**Tim Shoemaker** is a national conference speaker and the author of eleven books. He has worked with youth for over twenty years as a volunteer—and still loves it. He is passionate about writing fiction, and is a popular speaker at writing conferences. Tim was one of four panelists selected for the Mystery/Thriller panel at School Library Journal's “Summer Teen Event 2013”. When speaking at assemblies, Tim often uses object lessons and visuals to communicate in a powerful way.

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## *Speaking Topics / Author Visit*

Invite Tim Shoemaker to your library, school assembly, or classroom. Here are some of the topics he can cover in his unique, passionate way!

### *Author Visit (in person or via Skype)*

The power of fiction, how I got involved in writing, how you can start, a brief synopsis of the books, Q & A, or I can read a chapter. You decide... I'm all yours.

### *Character Building Talks (perfect for assemblies)*

**Hero Stuff-** In satisfying fiction, often ordinary kids end up making heroic choices. We all want to be heroes . . . and can be. I'll use engaging object lessons to illustrate six starting points for being a hero in everyday life.

**Smashed Tomatoes-** In fiction, often life looks really dark to a character before light dawns. In life sometimes we feel like junk and see no hope. Take heart. Life has a way of making great things out of messed-up lives.

### *Strengthening Fiction Skills Workshops*

**Creating a Scene-** A story is told through a series of scenes. I'll show secrets to writing more powerful scenes, and how to connect the scenes in ways that will strengthen your fiction . . . guaranteed.

**Creating Characters-** Learn secrets to creating characters that your reader will love. I'll share some things you probably won't read in writing textbooks—but they work!

**Show and Tell-** Often fiction writers are telling a story instead of showing it. I won't tell you how to fix this . . . I'll show you.

**Point-of-view-** This is an area of fiction that trips up a lot of writers. I'll explain it in a way where you'll get it—and your writing will improve dramatically.

Ask about other fiction skill-building workshops and learn techniques from a pro . . . Dialogue, Plot, Action and Fight Scenes, and more.

