**Doug Wilhelm**

In my books, I'm trying to tell good stories that have meaning—and that connect with young people's real lives today. My writing for young adults is based on listening to them, which I try to do often.

Along with *The Revealers*, I have written nine other books for young readers. I live in Rutland, Vermont, have a teenage son, and am a full-time, self-employed writer. The first thing people often notice about me in person is that I'm very tall. I'm six foot ten! When I visit schools, this always causes a stir.

**Something I could do**

I was born in 1952 in Portland, Oregon, and moved to suburban New Jersey when I was in kindergarten. All through elementary school I was an avid reader. Suddenly, in middle school, I began to write. I was writing stories, poems, even a play. Until then, I hadn't been good at much of anything—I was tall, skinny, awkward, and not very popular—and it made a big difference to feel that this was something I could do.

Like the main characters in *The Revealers*, I was bullied a lot in middle school. The idea for the novel grew, in part, out of my own experiences.