

# ABOUT GORDON KORMAN



Welcome to the wonderful world of a regular guy who just happened to write 90-something books for kids and teens.

I was born on October 23, 1963 in Montreal, Canada, and grew up mostly in the Toronto area.

My writing career began virtually by accident when I was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The track and field coach had to teach



English.

For creative writing, he gave us total freedom to work on whatever we wanted for the rest of the year. It was February. That added up to a class period per day for more than four months. The result was my first novel, **THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING AT MACDONALD HALL**.

I sent my manuscript to Scholastic because I was the class monitor for Scholastic Book Orders, and figured I was practically an employee. Seriously. (Full disclosure: my mom had to type my book for me.) It was a totally flukey and random way to launch a publishing career, but here's the thing: It worked! **THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING AT MACDONALD HALL** was published by Scholastic when I was a freshman in high

school, and I was on my way.

I've been writing for more than three-quarters of my life. My books have been translated into 32 languages and have sold over 30 million copies worldwide. I have a BFA degree from New York University with a major in Dramatic Writing and a minor in Film and TV.

I now live on Long Island, outside New York City, with my wife and family. When I'm not writing, you can usually find me driving one of my three kids to some practice or rehearsal or game. Either that, or I'm on the road, appearing at schools, libraries, and bookstores, meeting my readers.

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