

Teacher Testimonials for Billy Riggs

Billy Riggs is like having inspiration on tap!!! **Matt Kodama, Teacher, Pasadena USD, California**

I laughed so hard I peed my pants! Really! I'm not kidding! **Jayne Glaros, Teacher, A+ Academy, Dallas, Texas**

This was my 31st first day talk. By far the best ever! The use of humor, realism, and practical ideas was believable and useable. **Dick Zemahr, Phys. Ed. Teacher, Saranac Lake High School, Saranac Lake, NY**

Wow! The best in-service I've ever attended. You were the best speaker I've ever heard because you were directly speaking to me, a teacher. **Aurelia Ogles, Teacher, Leesburg High School, Leesburg, Florida**

Makes the agony of teacher in-service fun and inspiring! **Chris Shima, First Grade Teacher, Hermosa Beach City School District, California**

Incredible! Time flies, you're mesmerized! He's heartwarming and brilliant! **Diane Possamai, Teacher, Washington, Michigan**

Very engaging and excellent! Thank you for hitting on some misconceptions we carry daily in our teaching! **Colleen Campbell, Teacher, Cleveland Municipal Schools, Ohio**

Fabulous... so true... right on!!! Your words count for LIFE, no matter what your profession. Thank you for super-charging my "want-to" for this upcoming school year! The best program I've ever witnessed. **Julie Williams, Teacher, Texarkana ISD, Texas**

It was the best 2 hours presentation I've been to in a VERY long time. **Donna Holmes, 2nd Grade Teacher, Lukfata School, Oklahoma**

Outstanding. A must for all educators. **Mauricio Zelaya, Teacher, El Monte City School District, Los Angeles, California**

The presentation REALLY helped me, changing my attitude toward the upcoming year from one of dread to one of optimism and enthusiasm. **George S. Morrison, Speech and Language Pathologist, Department of Special Education, Alamogordo, New Mexico**

This was the best presentation I have attended in 22 years in education. It was humorous, poignant, relevant and extremely entertaining. **Bill Cluckey, Math Teacher, Saranac Lake High School, Saranac Lake, NY**

Yea! Anyone who will remind educators of their importance AND make us all laugh deserves mucho kudos! **Alissa Green Special Education, HS, Socorro Consolidated Schools, New Mexico**

Wonderful way to present this information in an entertaining manner without taking away from the subject matter. **Lisette Popelar, High School Spanish Teacher, Spring Hill ISD, Texas**

Great Inspirational Show – Captivating! Passionate! Motivating! **Claudia Stanko-Bedefl, Middle School Teacher, Special Education, Brimley Area School**

Thank you for such a GREAT motivational show to the teachers and support staff of Bartlesville Public Schools! Your message was awesome and our teachers are still buzzing about how great they felt after the show. People are still talking about our best Back-to-School Rally ever! **Dianne Martinez, Principal, Hoover Elementary School, Bartlesville, Oklahoma**

While I enjoyed the “magic,” I was far more impressed by Mr. Riggs’ ability to capture the essence of a motivating teacher and make that clear to the audience. He made visible the invisible! **Julie Gielow, Science Teacher, H. B. Booker Academy, Cleveland Municipal School District, Ohio**

The four things we need for our classroom were RIGHT ON! Thank you for sharing with the group. **Adelyne McBee, Teacher, Marshall ISD, Texas**

This session helped me realize why I became a teacher 20+ years ago. I had just forgotten. **Doug Hyde, Librarian/Teacher, Menomonie Schools, Wisconsin**

I have never seen such an awesome presentation! It helped me realize even more how much teaching means to me and how I can influence a child's life. Billy is a wonderful motivational speaker! **Jan McDougal, English Teacher, Wellman-Union ISD, Texas**

Normally I zone out for motivational speakers. But with Billy I didn't even WANT to take out my iphone and play “Angry Birds!” **Kelly Bartilson, Teacher, Woodridge Local Schools, Ohio**

Riveting from beginning to end. Wonderfully relevant. Without doubt the most captivating and enjoyable motivational presentation I've ever attended. **Jim Julhauser, Assistant Principal, Las Cruces Public Schools, Las Cruces, New Mexico**

This show was the most entertaining, funny, and touching I have seen in a long time!! **Sabine Tyler, School Readiness Advocate, Crescent City, California**

Very entertaining and thought-provoking. Best in-service we have ever had! It has given me a new attitude to start a great school year!! **Cindi Avol, Math Teacher, Huntington Beach, California**

“Engaging! I was mesmerized throughout the program. The best motivational program I’ve ever seen.” **Rhonda Smith, Dean of Academics, Liberty High School, Texas**

You rock! Best I’ve ever seen! You kept me awake and engaged on a Saturday morning!! WOW! **Lauren A. Douglas, Second Grade Teacher, Cleveland Municipal School District, Ohio**

“Not only were our Teachers of the Year entertained, they were moved by your remarks. We heard many RAVE reviews from teachers who left inspired and re-energized to go back to their own classrooms and strive for success by focusing not on themselves, but on the students. You were a voice of inspiration.” **Bill McCausland, Chief Operating Officer, Texas Excellence in Education, University of Texas**

Billy made me want to get up and run to school! He showed me what I once knew but forgot about. Children need me! **Jason Perkins, 4th Grade Teacher, Rudyard Area Schools, Upper Peninsula, Michigan**

This was the best faculty meeting I’ve ever been to. Ask him back! Pay him more. **Karen Turano, Teacher, Houston, Texas**

Excellent presentation! In my 44 years of teaching, this has been the best. Keep up your good work. **R.C. Salinas, Teacher, Rio Grande CISD, Rio Grande City, Texas**

Fantastic opportunity for me to focus and believe in my abilities and why I love what I do! **Renee Shepherd, Carver Middle School, Leesburg, Florida**

I enjoyed it immensely! It was very motivational, positive messages were awesome and inspiring and I enjoyed the laughter. My passion for what I do was reawakened! **Susan Lara, Head Start Education Specialist, Scurry Community Service, Snyder, Texas**

“You hit home run after home run! I get reminded by my students why I teach. It’s nice to be reminded by an adult that is not close to the situation.” **Julie Graves, Teacher, A+ Academy, Dallas, Texas**

"This was a wonderful mixture of humor, magic, and good common sense that can be directly applied in the classroom." **Abbie Cumbie, ESL Interventionist, Liberty ISD, Texas**

Very dynamic! Transitions (using magic) to every topic were appealing and appropriate. Highly motivational and captivating. **Cecilia Stark, Teacher, Broken Bow ISD, Oklahoma**

Best Superintendent Day Motivational speaker I have ever heard in 10 years as an educator. **Dermott Morgan, Physical Education Teacher, Petrova Elementary School, Saranac Lake, New York**

Billy's program is a bottle full of emotions! I laughed and I cried, and was intrigued from beginning to end. **Dana Linker, Special Ed Director, Meadow ISD, Texas**

Positively fascinating! What a great way to start the year. **Lynette Eichenlamb, Teacher, Hermosa Beach City School District, California**

Just absolutely the best hour-and-a-half I've spent in a LONG time! **Sissy Moore, Librarian, Franklin County, Alabama**

Great speaker! The best ever!! **Barbara Jacobs, Second Grade Teacher, Barton-Lexa Schools, Arkansas**

Unique combination of magic, humor, speaking, singing and constant movement to communicate the essence of becoming a great educator. **Michael Neely, Teacher and Coach, Liberty High School, Texas**

Very motivational!!! No matter how long one has taught, he inspired all of us to make a difference in the lives of students. **M. Gregory, Teacher, Lake Travis ISD, Lake Travis, Texas**

At a time when I was leaning toward retiring, you've given me the inspiration to reconsider! Thank you! **Adreanne Rodriguez, Teacher, Mission CISD, Texas**

It was funny, moving and inspiring. I will definitely have a better attitude for the rest of my life!! **Linda R. Cabellon, Teacher, Pasadena USD, California**

The best speaker I've ever heard! Loved him!! Please bring him back! He's awesome and totally hilarious! **April Farley, Librarian, Alamogordo High School, Alamogordo, New Mexico**

Two words: LOVED IT!!!! You gave me the spark I needed to stop focusing on the things that don't really matter. It's about the students, not me! THANK YOU.

Kri Shon Long, Teacher, Moulton Elementary School, Lawrence County Schools, Alabama

Great concepts. Brilliantly delivered. **Gary Johnson, Teacher, Fruitland Park Elementary School, Leesburg, Florida**

So profound, appropriate, and meaningful! **Dolores Gable, Principal, Rio Hondo Elementary School, Downey USD, California**

Best staff development speaker we have ever had in Huntington Beach CSD!!!
No name given, California

Best back-to-school presentation since I've been here! (This is my 10th year). This type of encouragement and entertainment is truly refreshing. **Melinda Lyons, Holloman Intermediate School, Alamogordo Public Schools, Alamogordo, New Mexico**

EXEMPLARY!!! UN-BELIEVEABLE! Keep up the great attitude! **Regina Hudspeth, Teacher, Zavalla ISD, Texas**

Billy is AWESOME! He uses a realistic approach for school districts!!! His presentation is funny, interactive and magical!!! **Ty-Ann Gray, Physical Education Teacher, Woodridge Local Schools, Ohio**

Wow!!! Outstandingly entertaining and meaningful!!! **Randi Bern, Counselor, Marble Falls ISD, Texas**

Very captivating. Best presentation ever! Didn't look at the clock once! **Christine Adams, French Teacher, Saranac Lake High School, Saranac Lake, New York**

Great presentation! I feel that I can take on the world!! (Or at least the kids in my classroom!). **Sheri Valentine, Teacher, Marble Falls ISD, Texas**

Wonderful! The best in-service our district has ever had. I have never laughed so much and felt inspired at the same time! **Melissa Forrowy, Fourth Grade Teacher, Altus, Oklahoma**

The best motivational speaker I've ever heard! Okay, the ONLY one! But WOW! Excellent vehicle to present matters which are serious. Enjoyable and engaging. **Beckie Loe, High School Teacher, Prescott, Arkansas**

Billy is a jack of all trades. He can do a lot of different things all at once. Great, amazing speaker, educator and entertainer. **Roselle Justo-Sales, Teacher, A+ Academy, Dallas, Texas**

Nice presentation! I was ticked off that we were going to take a half-day to watch a magician, but you have an excellent message! Excellent. No name given,
Music Teacher, Woodridge High School, Cleveland, Ohio

Excellent presentation and message! This applies to all walks of life. Billy keeps it interesting and fun. Thank you for being here today. **Shaun McDowell, Teacher and Coach, Fort Bend ISD, Texas**

WOW! You were the best speaker I've ever heard. The best because you spoke to ME, a teacher. **Aurelia Ogles, Teacher, Leesburg High School, Florida**

Thank you! Lucky to have heard your talk. All teachers are!!! **Allison Dimitri, Teacher, Pasadena USD, California**

This was the best presentation I have attended in 22 years in education. It was humorous, poignant, relevant and extremely entertaining. **Bill Cluckey, Teacher, Saranac Lake High School, New York**

Great speaker!! Very entertaining! I laughed so hard I started crying! **Tiffany Halbarcher, Teacher, Crosby ISD, Houston, Texas**

My attention was on Mr. Riggs at all times. Great inspirational speaker!!! **Kim O'Brien, Teacher, Hermosa Beach, California**

The most amazing speaker and educational professional I have witnessed. **Jason Wamsganz, Physical Education Teacher, Petrova Elementary School, Saranac Lake, New York**

Billy Riggs was so interesting I forgot to get my knitting project out – kept everyone engaged – no one left! **Kay Standefer, Seventh Grade Teacher, Mountain View Middle School, Alamogordo, New Mexico**

Definitely encouraging and uplifting - and sobering at the same time. Reminded me of my duty as a teacher. Thanks. **Melanie Verner, Elementary School Teacher, Crosby ISD, Houston, Texas**

I wish all students could have teachers that make them believe in themselves as you made us believe in ourselves today! Thanks so much! **Sherry Smith, Math Teacher, Franklin County Schools, Alabama**

I didn't know if we could top last year's speaker or not! But we did!! **Ella Murray, Kindergarten Teacher, Altus, Oklahoma**

Entertainment!! Light-hearted, but not a Pollyana lecture that leaves you sick to your stomach. **Timi Bledsoe, Kindergarten Teacher, Altus, Oklahoma**

A workshop that caused me to think less about what I need and more about what my students need. **Katherine Morton, 6th Grade Teacher, Florida**

Your program was awesome!!! I'll never forget it! It's where the heart is!!! **Eva Jean Woods, Teacher's Assistant, Stonewall Public Schools**

Fascinating, funny, and far-reaching in thought and motivation. **Patti Ross, Dean of Student Learning, Bakersfield College, California**

You are an inspiration and incredibly talented. Your message is powerful and important. Thank you for what you are to the world!! **Michelle Emmons, Second Grade Teacher, Marble Falls ISD, Texas**

You are everything a motivational speaker should be!!! **Lori Koch, Kindergarten Teacher, Hermosa Beach Elementary, California**

You are so passionate about igniting teachers to love and believe in their students and in themselves, as well!!! **Therese Cauchon, Teacher, Pasadena USD, California**

I love including personal experiences and I so much appreciate that everything you said tied into who we are supposed to be. Thank you! Last year, I fell asleep during the presentation, but I enjoyed this so much! **Laura Leigh Jackson, Pre-K Teacher, Altus Public Schools, Oklahoma**

This was a dynamic presentation! The way you related each topic to a magic trick or a life experience made it interesting. **Helena Vickers, Teacher, Carver Middle School, Florida**

By far the best presentation I've ever sat through! Motivational, informative, entertaining, truly beneficial. **Doug Isaacs, Teacher and Coach, Sasakwa Schools, Oklahoma**

This was the first convocation OR motivational speaker I have ever enjoyed. Thank you so much!! **Phil Duffy, Teacher, Crosby ISD, Houston, Texas**

You friggin' rock, Dude! Love the honesty. Teachers need to be hit between the eyes like this. **Ron Bert, Vian ISD, Oklahoma**

Phenomenal!!! Best program I've ever attended. **Staci Simpson, Math Intervention/Technology Teacher, Cleveland Municipal School District, Ohio**

I have never laughed so hard and thought so deeply at the same time! **Crystal Cosper, Third Grade Teacher, Stonewall Public Schools, Oklahoma**

Entertaining, spellbinding, useful, uplifting. **Patti Prewett, Teacher, Muldrow High School, Oklahoma**

Hysterically relevant! **Vicki Scarborough, Second Grade Teacher, Altus, Oklahoma**

Very compelling. You motivated me to be better than I've ever been before. The best program I've ever seen at an in-service. **Cheryl Humphries, Teacher, Franklin County Board of Education, Alabama**

"A presentation that appeals to even the most A.D.D. teacher! (You know the ones I mean!)" **Melissa Johnson, Teacher, Muldrow Public Schools**

"Relevant, entertaining, uplifting and memorable." **Linda Whisenant, High School Spanish Teacher, Muldrow High School, Oklahoma**

"WOW! Super Duper! The presentation was an eye-opener and so motivational, too!" **Mildred Scott, Paraprofessional Aide, Prescott Elementary School, Prescott, Arkansas**

"Great motivational in-service! Really makes me excited to start back!" **Emily Blanton, Teacher, Franklin County Schools, Alabama**

"I've seen this speaker on PBS; he is very impressive on TV and in person – WOW! What insight, used in an awesome way to help so many people. Thanks!" **Karen Meeh, Elementary Teacher, Muldrow Elementary School, Oklahoma**

"The time flew by but the lessons will last for many years to come. Great motivational program." **Merl Abel, Teacher, Morongo Unified School District, Palm Springs, California**

"Exciting, high energy, the guy who sat next to me usually never stops talking but this time he was captivated! Great job." **Robert Brunk, Teacher and Coach, Muldrow High School**

"The best in-service we've ever had! Wonderful program. Gave me things to think about not only in the classroom but also in my home with my children and husband." **Brendi Karlorec, Assistant Band Director, Prescott Public Schools, Arkansas**

A very powerful message delightfully laced with humor. **Lori Price, Principal, Wewahitchka Elementary School, Gulf County Schools, Florida**

Awesome, Awesome, Awesome!!! **Jen King, Pre-K Aide, Altus Public Schools, Oklahoma**

Thanks for reminding our staff that you must have purpose and a focus to our cause – educating students. **Beth Bogue, Fourth Grade Science Teacher, Joshua Springs Christian School, Yucca Valley, California**