

# HACKMATAACK 2006

## **Keltie Thomas**

author of  
***The Kids Guide to  
Money Cent\$***

Ever since she was a kid, Keltie Thomas has been fascinated by science and art, such as literature and the theatre. She couldn't make up her mind which field to go into and ended up studying both in university. When she graduated, she decided that what she really wanted to do was write so she got a job in publishing. It was at that first job that she discovered how to weave her two passions together -- science and art -- by writing about science.

Keltie is a former editor of Owl Magazine and a seasoned science writer for magazines and the Internet.

"Hi there, Hackmataack Readers! I'm really thrilled you have the chance to read my book *The Kids Guide to Money Cent\$*. I'll let you in on a little secret: I write for the love it - not the money! Writing books for kids is cool. It makes me feel like a modern-day explorer: I dive head-first into fascinating topics, sink neck-deep into research, probe burning questions, and uncover incredible facts and stories. As I write about what I discover, I draw inspiration from a painting that hangs above my computer. The painting depicts a brilliant blue sky peeking through some treetops. And whenever I come up for air, the peek-a-boo sky winks at me as if to say, 'Hey Keltie, the possibilities are limitless. Write on!'"



### **Selected Awards**

*The Kids Guide to Money Cent\$*, nominated Silver Birch Award

*Blades, Boards, and Scooters*, nominated Alberta Children's Choice, Rocky Mountain Book Award

*How Hockey Works*, nominated Alberta Children's Choice Award, Rocky Mountain Award, Hackmataack Award, Silver Birch Award

### **Some Other Books by Keltie Thomas**

*How Hockey Works*, Maple Tree Press 2002

*Blades, Boards, and Scooters*, Maple Tree Press 2003

*How Baseball Works*, Maple Tree Press 2004

*Planet Earth News: Nature Shockers* 2005

*How Basketball Works*, Maple Tree Press 2005