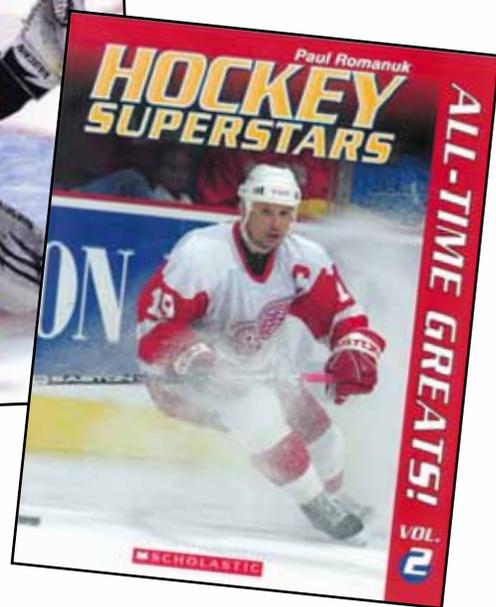
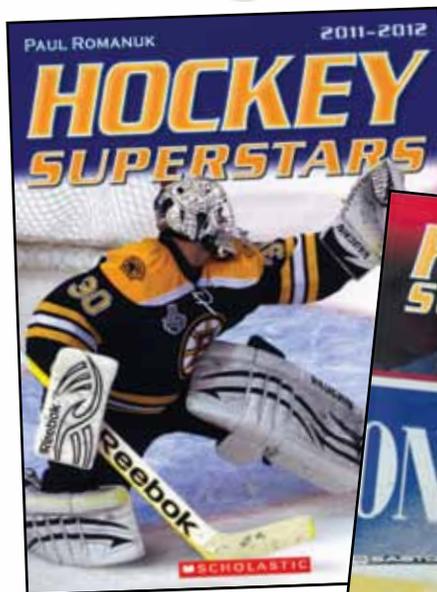


# Book Fair Author Spotlight On...



## Paul Romanuk



**Q** What inspires you to write?

**A** I think we're all just storytellers at heart, and that's what it comes down to for me — telling stories to hockey fans about hockey players. My hope is that someone will learn a little something about each player that they may not have known before.

**Q** What advice do you have for young writers?

**A** When you approach something, just write it as it comes to you. Worry about organizing it later, after it's written down.

**Q** What was your favourite book growing up?

**A** Probably *Lost in the Barrens* by Farley Mowat. I first read it when I was about 8 years old — and numerous times after that. I also loved *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton.

**Q** What do you like to do when you're not writing?

**A** I like to read! Mags, bios, fiction... whatever. I also like walking my dogs and listening to music.

**Q** What has been the biggest achievement of your career so far?

**A** I couldn't pick one event — I've been to four Olympic Games, hundreds of NHL games and international hockey games, as well. I guess the best thing has been doing something I enjoy for 25 years.

**Q** You've been writing the *Hockey Superstars* series for 25 years! Is there one exceptional hockey moment that stands out for you?

**A** There are a few! Being at world junior, world and Olympic championships, and seeing Canada win gold would be right up there. I'll also never forget reporting on Wayne Gretzky's final games and retirement announcement in 1999.



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