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Visit Reflection: “The discussion at the end of the presentation was especially dynamic. There was a conversation instead of a typical question and answer segment. I felt that Ben was hosting a workshop rather than a one sided presentation. "Why are your comics black and white?" to which ben explained that initially it's cheaper, but then some publishers, including Down East when making Lost Trail, make the choice to keep it because they feel it suites the story. To which another student asked, "why don't use color it yourself?" and in turn led us into a discussion of cost to hire a colorist and that while Ben can and enjoys adding color to his comics, he is also colorblind. The organic progression of this discussion and the enjoyment of the students and Ben was something that could never have been planned and was wonderful to watch as very little direction was needed from adults. One rather dazed student upon leaving said in response to Ben's exhaustive drawing and and re-drawing process "There's always another draft..." - Kathryn Bailey, District Elementary Librarian, November 1, 2016

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