

# Author Darshana Khiani



## Author's note:

I love talking to kids about reading and writing: my favorite books, where ideas come from, storytelling, and the process of writing story. I love interacting with kids, so I strive to keep my presentations interactive, and I enjoy Q&A.

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# IN-PERSON + VIRTUAL OPTIONS

## Saris Rock!

In this presentation, Darshana provides a brief intro about herself and writing journey, reads from HOW TO WEAR A SARI, and introduces Indian culture. In-person events will include a sari draping demonstration. For virtual events, she will show a variety of Indian clothing and accessories.

- 45 minutes + Q & A
- Suitable for grades K-5
- Any group size
- Virtual or in-person (local)

## From Idea to Book

In this presentation, Darshana discusses the book publication process. From inspiration, drafting, and revising to working with an editor and marketing. She will share excerpts from her picture books, HOW TO WEAR A SARI, I'M AN AMERICAN, and BUILDING A DREAM.

- 45 minutes + Q & A
- Suitable for grades 1-5
- Any group size
- Virtual or in-person (local)

## How to Write a How-to Story

In this writing workshop, Darshana leads the kids through a hands-on writing exercise showing them easy to use steps to write their own “how-to” story! She will walk through the process using her book HOW TO WEAR A SARI. She also talks about how a book goes from an idea to a published product.

- 30-45 minutes + Q & A
- Suitable for grades 2-5
- Single classroom
- In-person (local)

## Our American Quilt

In this presentation, Darshana, will lead a discussion on “what does it mean to be American.” She will read excerpts from her book, I'M AN AMERICAN, and

discuss immigration history. She'll also talk about how our shared values and cultural differences weaved together creates a quilt of American culture.

- 45 minutes + Q & A
- Suitable for grades 3-8.
- Any group size
- Virtual or in-person (local)

## TESTIMONIALS

*Darshana's author visit was a ten! Even the kindergarteners were engaged for the entire time. Darshana customized her presentation for our students, which kept them listening and asking questions. We will be having her back!*

-Keira Price, Manager of Library Services at Stratford School, CA

*Darshana Khiani '90 returned to our school, her alma mater, in early May to visit with select students across grades 6-12 in a "Lunch and Learn" author visit. She was patient, casual, informative, and engaged our students in many different ways during the time she spent with us .... If you have the opportunity to interact with Ms. Khiani through an author event or school visit, we highly recommend her!*

-Kim McNulty, Alumni Coordinator, MMI Preparatory School, PA

*Our visit with Darshana was incredibly engaging. Students in grades K-5 enjoyed her book, How to Wear a Sari, ... The pacing of the presentation was just right and held the students' attention ... Even without being able to interact with the students due to the webinar format, Darshana found ways to involve them through questions, counting, math, and raised hands. I appreciated the implicit messages of persistence and resilience, the recommendations of other diverse picture books featuring South Asian characters, and her advice for young readers and writers to follow their curiosity. I would recommend this presentation for all elementary grades.*

- Tammy Fry, Library Media Assistant at Sato Elementary, OR

# RATES

## **SINGLE SESSION - \$500**

- In-Person:
  - A single presentation for schools/groups within a 20-mile radius of San Jose, CA.
  - Optional Book Signing
  
- Virtual:
  - A single presentation + Q&A via Zoom, Google Meet, or your preferred virtual conferencing platform.
  - If Darshana's books are purchased in conjunction with her visit, bookplates are available upon request

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