

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)

Writing Non-Fiction

In this presentation, Darshana discusses her research, writing, and revision process. From how to find information, pruning the data, to sensitivity reads. She will read a portion from I'M AN AMERICAN.

- 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 Pride, 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

My 7th graders had the great opportunity to meet the author, Darshana Khiani. We had just read her book, "I'm an American" in class, so it was exciting to meet her! She presented great information and answered many questions that have inspired the students to write their own nonfiction children's books! A great experience for the kids!

-- Kari Emerson, Teacher, Miller Middle School

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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