MEERA SRIRAM

Author of picture book, "The Yellow Suitcase"

Meera Sriram grew up in India and moved to the U.S at the turn of the millennium. An electrical engineer in her past life, she now enjoys writing for children, teaching early literacy, and advocating diverse bookshelves. Meera has co-authored several children's books published in India. *The Yellow Suitcase* is her debut picture book in the U.S. She believes in the transformative power of stories and writes on cross-cultural experiences that often take her back to her roots. Meera lives with her husband and two children in Berkeley, California, where she fantasizes about a world with no borders.

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PRAISE FOR THE YELLOW SUITCASE

"a thoughtful story that artfully addresses the loss of a grandparent from an immigrant perspective" – **Kirkus Reviews**

"This thoughtful picture book provides a rare and necessary perspective, free of tropes and clichés… Asha's feelings give this book powerful bibliotherapeutic value…" – **American Library Association's, Booklist**

"…beautifully bittersweet expression of love and loss…" – **Foreword Reviews, starred review**

AUTHOR LIFE, BOOK JOURNEY

GRADES

Kindergarten & Up

COMPONENTS OF VISIT

Introduction, Power Point Presentation, Sample Read Aloud, Book Signing

DURATION

30 minutes to 1 hour (depending on grade & group size)

TOPICS

- ❖ Introduction: My background and work (past and current books and projects), inspiration, favorites books and authors
- ❖ Path to publication: When, why, and how did I start writing? What were/are the challenges on my publishing journey
- ❖ Life as an author: How does an author work? What's a typical day like? What are some highs and lows?
- ❖ The journey of a book: From a small idea to a full manuscript draft; from countless revisions & submissions to selling, editing, & book release
- ❖ Listening to your heart and following your dream

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