



## 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**

# A WRITER'S WORKSHOP

## Elements of Creative Writing

### GRADES

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Upper Elementary, Middle School, Grades 3-6

### COMPONENTS OF VISIT

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Introduction, Power Point Presentation, Sample Read Alouds, Writing Prompts & Exercises, Book Signing

### DURATION

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45 Minutes

### TOPICS

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Important elements of storytelling and creative writing using simple examples from picture books and small exercises to demonstrate how to apply them. We will also use prompts from a small yellow suitcase idea generator!

Note: We could pick a single element or a few and go in depth OR do an overview of multiple elements.

- Idea Seeds
- Setting, Plot, Characters
- Story Arc
- Head vs Heart
- Voice & Point of View
- Show Vs Tell
- Language building blocks
- Story Beginnings & Endings

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Please email me, thank you!

### BOOK ORDER FORM

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To be arranged