



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**

THE YELLOW SUITCASE

A "MIRROR & WINDOW" EXPERIENCE

GRADES

Upper Elementary, Grades 3-5

COMPONENTS OF VISIT

Introduction, Read Aloud, Discussion, Power point on India, Craft Activities, Book Signing

DURATION

45 Minutes

TOPICS

- Read aloud of my picture book, *The Yellow Suitcase*
- Discussion on loss, grief, separation, and emotions around missing a loved one or a pet (mirror)
- Conversation on what is home, where do you belong, being an immigrant (mirror)
- A virtual trip to India – geography, culture, connections (window)
- Craft & hands on activities:
 - Memory Suitcase or
 - Sari Quilt or
 - Origami Suitcase

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Please email me, thank you!

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To be arranged