

WHERE DO STORIES COME FROM?

Presentation



In this **1 hour** visual presentation, Rina looks back over her own life and career, and using examples of the books she has written, she asks the audience to think about where stories and ideas come from. She shows how a book comes together, from first idea, to first draft and through the re-writing process. The last twenty minutes of the presentation are interactive. This presentation will appeal even to the most reluctant readers. Max 100

Grades 3-8 Max 100 Students \$250

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Rina Singh has an MFA in Creative Writing from Concordia University and a teaching degree from McGill University, Montreal.

She is an award-winning children's author and has written more than twenty books for children. Her most recent publications are *Grandmother School* and *111 Trees*, both of which have won several literary awards.

As a writer, she is drawn to real life stories about social justice and the environment. Her books have been translated in many languages including Spanish, Korean, and Japanese. Her books have got starred reviews from Kirkus, Publisher's Weekly, and Booklist.

Rina has done readings and workshops in schools, libraries, and literary festivals across Canada. In 2014, she also presented at the Asian Festival of Children's Content in Singapore and Reading for the Love of it in Toronto (2015). She has taught visual art, drama, and writing in Toronto for the last 25 years. She has taught both in TDSB and YRDSB and is passionate about integrating the arts in education.

She is a Spoken Word coach with tdsbCREATES. For school and library visits, please send an email to rinasinghca@gmail.com. You can follow her on Twitter & Instagram @storiesbysingh

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SPOKEN WORD

Workshop

In this workshop, facilitated by Rina, participants will have the opportunity to create, perform and refine **Spoken Word Poetry** pieces. In a mentoring environment, through writing exercises, short assignments, screenings, discussions, and critiquing, students will bring their poetry from the page to the stage.

Workshop sessions focus on helping students find their poetic voice and write with passion about topics that are relevant to their lives.

The **1 day** workshop can fit a normal school day or **three 90 minute sessions** can be spread over multiple days.

Grades 7-8 Max 30 Students \$350/ \$500

PRESENTATION & WORKSHOPS

Rina Singh is an award-winning children's author and has written more than twenty books for children. Her book *Grandmother School* won the BC & Yukon Prize and *111 Trees* has won several awards including the Northern Lights Award and Social Justice Award.



THE WRITER'S STUDIO

Presentation + Writing Workshop

Participants will explore how they can use their own experiences and curiosity and create compelling stories and poems using lyrical language. Unusual exercises help them discover the joy of playing with language. The workshop ends with student readings.

90 minutes Grades 3-8 Max students 30 \$350

ABOUT RINA'S BOOKS

Grandmother School affirms the life-changing power of education. *111 Trees* is a true story and celebrates environmental sustainability, community activism, and ecofeminism.

The Forest Keeper celebrates the unfailing greatness of human spirit and inspires us to join the efforts of reforestation, saving our planet, one tree at a time. *A Garden of Grenades* told in free verse, reimagines our troubled world through love and compassion.

