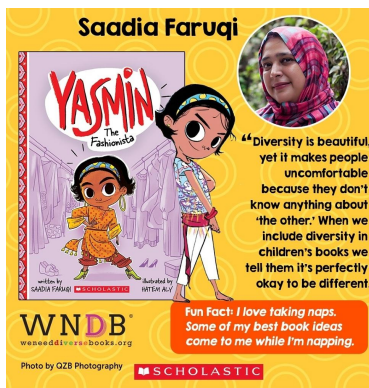


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NEWS

Yasmin in Scholastic Book Fairs

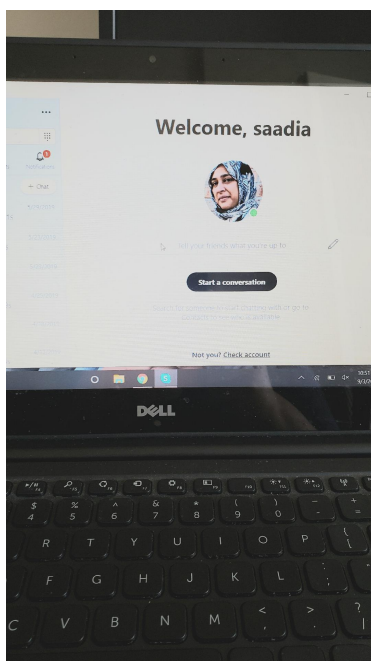
Watch out for Yasmin titles coming to your local elementary school courtesy of Scholastic Book Fairs! I'm so excited about this partnership under the umbrella of We Need Diverse Books ([WADB](#)) which promotes diversity in children's literature. Yasmin's presence in Scholastic book fairs is a big deal for many

reasons, most importantly because more and more kids will be given opportunities to read books about different cultures.

APPEARANCES

Open for Virtual Visits

Whether it's Skype, Google Hangouts, or something else, I'm ready to speak to your classroom! I offer free 20-minute virtual visits for schools that have read my books. I travel a lot for in-person school visits, and my calendar fills up very fast, so please make sure you



schedule one as soon as possible. If you'd like to invite me into your classroom via electronic device, please visit my [website](#) and get all the details. It's a great way to introduce your students to an author without the expense, and I am happy to answer all their questions!



SOCIAL MEDIA

Back to School Instagram

Everyone is back to school by now, and Instagram is ready to work for you! If you're a teacher, librarian or even a parent, following me and other authors on this social media platform can be a huge help as your students get ready for another school year. There will be giveaways and special programs on Instagram this fall on my [account](#), so you may want to peek in from time to time.



WORK IN PROGRESS

Muslim Biographies Collection

In-between my fiction projects, I'm also working on a non-fiction MG biography project with my mother, Aneesa Mumtaz. Here's the [deal announcement](#) in case you missed it. Biographies are A LOT of work, and that means not only researching your own subjects but also looking at comps. Every few weeks I get some biographies from the library, so I can see how it's been done before. It's always wise (and helpful) to learn from writers who've gone before you.

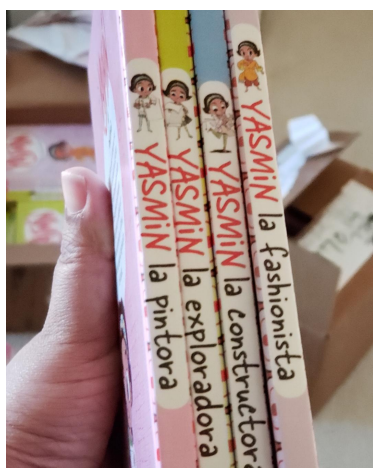


Reader Art of the Month

Sent in by a wonderful little girl named Violet.

Want to send me reader mail or art?

Contact Me



GIVEAWAY

Yasmin en Español

To say a special thank you to my newsletter subscribers, I'm giving away 4 Yasmin titles translated into Spanish. To enter, visit my [website](#) and send me a note via the contact form with the subject line SEPTEMBER 2019 GIVEAWAY. Ends 9/27. Remember that I offer newsletter-only giveaways to my subscribers every month, so do make sure all your

friends are signed up.

WRITING ADVICE



Sketching

Are you an illustrator? I'm not. But I often use sketching as a way to bring out my creativity or learn more about my characters. Make no mistake, these are not sketches I'd show to anyone -- not even my spouse!

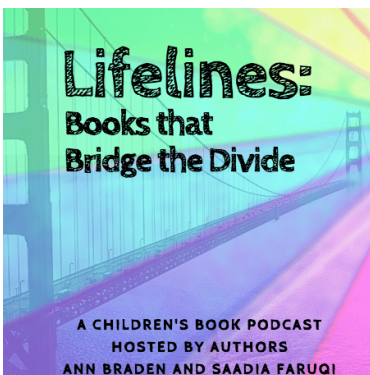
They're private scratchings meant to help me think about my work in a non-textual way. Sometimes sketching a room or a city makes the setting more real to me. And sometimes it reveals flaws I'm able to correct. In all cases I find it more liberating and often very insightful to sketch the scenes or characters before writing them out completely. Try it. I promise nobody will judge your artistic talents!



WORKSPACE

Special Delivery

These days my workspace has been over-run by boxes. Yes, I know that isn't anything out of the ordinary for an author. We get boxes of author copies and sometimes books for sale, and much more. However, the most exciting of these boxes right now are author copies of Yasmin en Espanol. It's been so exciting to see these come in and be so well-received by readers everywhere!



REMINDER

Lifelines Podcast

With September comes a brand new season of the Lifelines podcast, which I co-host with the amazing author Ann Braden (Benefits of Being an Octopus). We have some very special and hard-hitting episodes lined up for our listeners, so do subscribe if you haven't

already. And if you have suggestions for future topics or guests, don't hesitate to drop us a line! All details about the podcast are on Ann's [website](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, Sept 21, 2019 at 11 am:

Author visit and book signing at Barbara Bush library in Spring, TX. Come for story time and a book talk featuring YASMIN. Books will be available for sale, as well as to check out from the library. Details [here](#).

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