



November 2019



## NEWS

### See You at NCTE

November is here, which means Thanksgiving and NCTE! This year this fabulous conference of English teachers will be in Baltimore and I will be attending! I'm on two panels and will also be signing books, so please do come say hi if you're in the area.

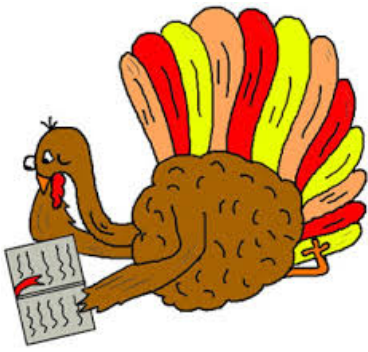


## APPEARANCES

### Two Weeks in Katy ISD

School visits are one of my favorite aspects of being an author. When writing gets tough and inspiration dries up, meeting my readers can really make me feel positive about this roller coaster literary journey! I spent two weeks in the wonderful Katy ISD, talking to students in fourteen elementary schools, and seeing how excited they are about Yasmin. Thank you to Katy

ISD for hosting me!



## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Online Thanksgiving

Are you on Twitter or Instagram? Do you love reading? If so, tell me how you celebrate Thanksgiving using books. It could be giving books as a present to family members, reading a cookbook to make a new recipe, or something else entirely. Tag me

@saadiafaruqi and let's share the fun!



## WORK IN PROGRESS

### Preparing Speeches

November will see me give two keynote addresses, one to TLA District 4 and the other to ALER. Both are conferences that I'm honored to be at, but making

keynote speeches isn't really my forte. I'm more used to speaking to kids! If anyone wants to send me pointers, the contact form on my website is always open. Otherwise, let me try to figure this thing out! Maybe I can start with a joke. Knock knock, who's there? Hello? Anybody?



## STUDENT ART

First graders in Dublin, CA made this calendar using Yasmin the Painter. Credit: @jendeoart

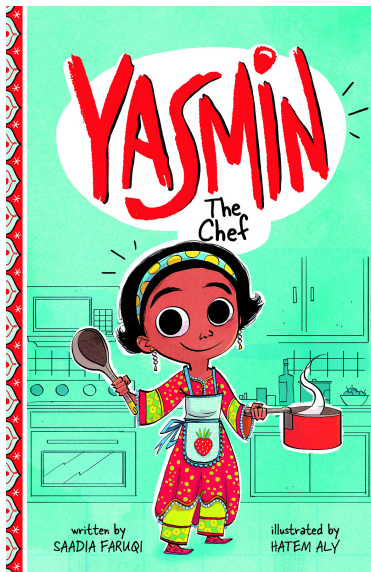
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## GIVEAWAY

### Yasmin the Chef

Can you believe Thanksgiving is almost here? As a Muslim American mom, I celebrate with lots of Pakistani food. How about a giveaway of Yasmin the Chef? To enter, visit my [website](#) and send me a note via the contact form with the subject line NOVEMBER 2019 GIVEAWAY. Ends 11/20. Please remember that I offer newsletter-only giveaways to my subscribers every



month, so do make sure all your friends are signed up.



## WRITING ADVICE

### NaNoWriMo, Anyone?

November is National Novel Writing Month, also known as NaNoWriMo. If you're planning to participate this year, here are some tips that may help. Firstly, remember that you're only writing a rough draft. It doesn't have to be perfect because the goal is to get words onto paper. You can go back and edit later. Secondly, have an outline in front of you when you start. This way you'll have a better idea of what you want to write, and will end up keeping a lot of the work you do during this month. And thirdly (perhaps most importantly), give yourself permission to fail. You don't have to win NaNoWriMo, but even if you write a little bit regularly, you'll have achieved a lot! Happy writing!



## WORKSPACE

### Bookmarks

This month I'm focusing on marketing *A Place at the Table*, my upcoming middle grade co-authored with [Laura Shovan](#). Check out these lovely new bookmarks we made announcing the book, with delicious food pictures and so much more! *A Place at the Table* is a friendship story about a Muslim and a Jewish girl, and will be available from HMH/Clarion on May 12, 2020. If you'd like some bookmarks for your classroom or



library please [contact me](#).

## READING LINKS:

My Muslim American Thanksgiving, an oldie but goodie I wrote for [NBC Asian America](#).

Why Stop at Windows and Mirrors? An important piece by Uma Krishnaswami at [The Horn Book](#).

## FAVORITE PICS



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