



Speaker Sheet for Namita Moolani Mehra

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Namita's journey into children's books began with children's cookbooks—SUPERFOODS FOR SUPERHEROES, published by HarperCollins, and THE MAGIC SPICEBOX published by Scholastic. Her new picture books THE LIGHT WITHIN YOU and ANNI DREAMS OF BIRYANI are published by Two Lions. Namita is agented and has several picture books under contract.

Namita is an enthusiastic and experienced presenter with 15 years of corporate experience in creative roles at advertising and tech companies. She has taught cooking classes and conducted workshops with both adults and children. She has held workshops at Singapore Writers Festival and The National Gallery. She was part of the visiting faculty at Pustaka Bookaroo in Malaysia. Namita is a volunteer reader for the Children's Cancer Foundation.

Namita is the founder of Indian Spicebox, a social-impact platform that has funded half a million meals for underprivileged children in India. She was born in Nigeria, raised in the UK and India, studied and worked in the US. She holds a MS in Integrated Marketing Communications from Northwestern University. Namita lives in Singapore with her family.

Event ideas:

Age-range of audience: From nursery to grade 5. Preschool/Primary/Elementary children.

Audience size: 10—2000, in person or virtual

Namita can offer,

- 20—45 minute assembly talks – virtual or in-person
 - Warm up and introduction
 - Origin story- how she got the idea for the book
 - Book reading
 - Interactive section/sharing
 - Q&A and call to action
- 1 hour workshops – includes 10-15 minute talk, followed by activity
 - Spice Lesson
 - Learn about different spices smell, touch, grind in mortar pestle
 - Make your own spice mix/spice craft

- Healthy eating/superfoods
 - Quizzes and interactive trivia games
 - Colouring sheets
 - Recipe writing/ how-to/nonfiction writing exercise
- Cooking/food prep
 - In classroom laddoo making
 - Spice mix creation
 - Mortar and pestle activity
- Virtual or actual tour of Little India
 - Experience sights, sounds, and smells
 - Treasure hunt/clues
- Diwali/Deepavali reading and craft
 - Diya painting/laddoo making/rangoli
 - Little India Mural
- Dream workshop
 - What do you dream about?
 - What does it take to make your dream come true?
 - Draw your dream/book cover
- Author workshop
 - Idea generating techniques
 - Revision tools and tips
 - Picture book or informational writing exercise
- Fee: \$250-\$350 per session- depending on audience size, duration and materials
- Namita works closely with Denise from Closetful of Books for visit bookings, book orders, and order forms.
- Namita’s books can be used as a classroom read-aloud text – local and relevant content, festival related, culturally relevant connection with food.
Food is a topic all children are excited to talk about and share!

Testimonials from Schools that have enjoyed Namita’s visits—

Singapore American School (Zoom 40-minute presentation with entire elementary school)

“Thank you so much Namita! You are a wonderful presenter and we enjoyed that tremendously! Already looking forward to the next time we can have you at SAS with kids!”

Chatsworth (45-minute assembly with 5 and 6 yr olds.)

“It was so lovely having you at our school. Us year 1 and 2 teachers talked about it after and how fantastic your presentation was. I have shared a copy of the art work completed by my class (Y1V) and some photos from today. I will continue to read your book to my classes year after year. Thank you for writing an incredible book!”

Tanglin Trust (10 x 45 minute workshops to year 3 and 4 students, over 2 days)

“Thank you so much, Namita. It was lovely to meet you. The children are still stopping me to talk about your visit. They loved it.”

Canadian International School (Assembly with grade 1)

“Thanks again for coming, you were fantastic: warm, informative and engaging. We love your books! I hope you’ll come back next year!”

Namita has also visited The Winstedt School, OWIS, Australian International School, Eton House, Blue House International, and Dulwich.