



TAMI CHARLES

AUTHOR. TEACHER. SPEAKER.



FORTHCOMING BOOKS

Like Vanessa, Charlesbridge, Spring, 2018

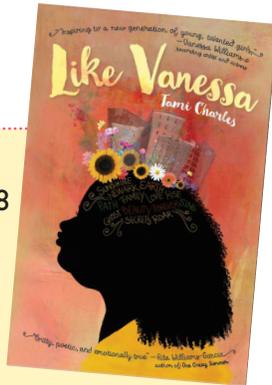
Fearless Mary, Albert Whitman & Co.,

Winter, 2018

Becoming Beatriz, Charlesbridge, TBD

Freedom Soup, Candlewick, Fall, 2019

A Day with the Panye, Candlewick, Spring, 2020



- Writing Diverse Books: A deep look at cultural nuances and ways to handle them with grace on the page
- Anatomy of a Picture Book—from concept to shelf, learn the ins and outs of creating a picture book
- Ignite Your Inner Author—everyone has a story to tell . . . light the fire inside and find your voice!

EDUCATION

B.A. | May, 2002 | College of Saint Elizabeth

Communication and Media Studies

Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society

Miss America Scholarship Recipient

M.A. | May, 2006 | Fairleigh Dickinson University

Educational Leadership and Supervision

Certified School Principal, K-12

Certified School Supervisor, K-12

EXPERIENCE

Educator | Linden Public Schools | 9/2002 – 7/2016

Created courses of study aligned with district curricula, emphasizing elementary level, ELL, and inclusion classrooms. Prepared instructional outlines, lessons, and activities using interdisciplinary and theme-based approaches. Expertise in Common Core Standard alignment and effective standardized testing practices.

Speaker/Lecturer | 6/2013 – Present

Design and teach workshops focused on the craft of children's book writing for such organizations as the New Jersey SCBWI, New England SCBWI, and Lilla Rogers Studio. Topics include:

- Channel Your Inner Nonfiction Nerd—analysis of different nonfiction structures in children's literature and which works best for you

HONORARIUM/FEES

As a veteran educator, I enjoy sharing my passion for books and writing through school presentations, conferences, teacher workshops, and freelance projects. I absolutely love writing and creating stories and curriculum to help shape the minds of our impressionable youth! I dedicate a generous amount of time and resources to ensure that the finished product will have a lasting and satisfying impact for my clients. Listed below are my 2017-2018 introductory fees for the range of work that I do as an educator, speaker, and writer:

- School Visit: \$400 ½ day, two assemblies, categorized by grade group, Q & A, book signing.
- School Visit: \$750 full day, three assemblies, categorized by grade group, Q & A, social or lunch with author, book signing.
- Blog post/Book Review: \$250 critical analysis of major themes, plot, characterization, and overall opinion of published children's book (often includes sample classroom discussion questions)





THE JOURNEY BEGINS WITH A DREAM . . .



Meeting the inspiration behind Like Vanessa



Appearing on GMA, featuring Freedom Soup recipe



Signing ARC's at Book Con

- Curriculum/Instructional Materials: \$650 to include research, allocation of resources, scaffolded activities to meet multiple levels, interdisciplinary activities aligned with Common Core standards. Materials include reader's response questions, key vocabulary, extended activities and projects, etc. . .
- Conference Speaker/Workshop Presenter: organization typically has set honorarium; travel & accommodations are to be factored in.

Please contact for further details.

- * School Visit rates do not include travel/ accommodation costs.
- * I'm very flexible! Don't hesitate to contact me with custom ideas or special requests.
- * For more samples of my work, visit tamiwrites.com

HE SAID/SHE SAID

"Congratulations Tami on your debut release, "Like Vanessa." It's such an honor to be the focal point of this wonderful book! Without a doubt, it will be inspiring to a new generation of young, talented girls well on their way to promising careers."

– **Vanessa Williams**, Multi-Platinum Recording Artist, NY Times Best Selling Author, Fashion Designer and star of Television, Film and the Broadway Stage

"LIKE VANESSA has it all and then some! Gritty, poetic, emotionally true, Tami Charles wrings out every hope, every stumble and every triumph of a girl on an uneasy road to possessing herself, her strength, and her own beauty. An unforgettable debut! So proud to know you at the take-off part of your long career!"

– **Rita Williams-Garcia**, New York Times Bestselling Author of the "One Crazy Summer" series

"Tami, It was wonderful to meet you for your non-fiction workshop. Your workshop was very helpful and I would love to see this as a longer master class. Good luck in the future."

– **Maria Marshall**, SCBWI Conference attendee

"Dear Tami, A quick hello and thank you from Maine! I enjoyed your writing workshop—you are a terrific and generous instructor. I will be sure to spread the word about your work!"

– **Kim Ridley**, Author, THE SECRET POOL

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