

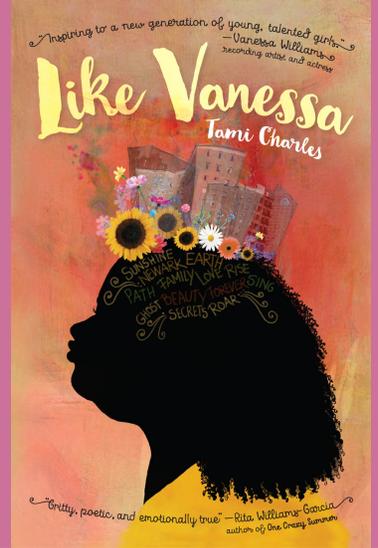
# Definitely DAPHNE

Tami Charles



## What's in store?

- \* Interactive icebreakers
- \* Writing hacks & craft
- \* The author journey
- \* Q & A
- \* Music, learning, & much more!



## Celebrate literacy with Tami Charles!

**AUTHOR, TEACHER,  
SPEAKER**

## REVIEWS

"An inspiring, dynamic, and relatable presenter who pulls in students right away! We will certainly book again!"  
S. Jones, English Teacher  
University High School, Newark, NJ

"Ms. Charles communicated exceptionally well with the students. I loved Vanessa's character. In this Middle East context, it's empowering to see a female take responsibility for her future."  
D. Morgan, Librarian  
Australian Int'l School of Sharjah

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"She was amazing! Teachers and students are still talking about her visit and are looking forward to the opportunity to connect with her again in January."

S. Miller,  
Harrisonburg, VA Public Schools

For rates, please contact  
via web form  
(School Visits) for full details.



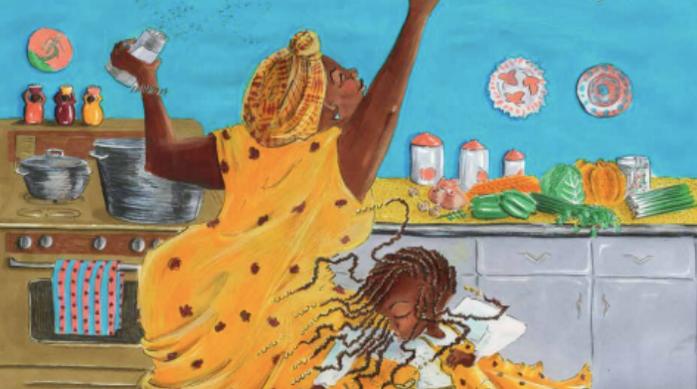
## WHY BOOK AN AUTHOR VISIT?

Author visits serve as a bridge to connect young readers with the world and those around them. Tami's presentations are equal parts learning and FUN! Presentations are geared toward grade cluster, district curricula, and are suitable for small groups and audiences of 150 maximum.



Past author visits:  
Rak Scholars Indian School  
(United Arab Emirates)  
Australian International School  
(Sharjah, UAE)  
Village School (Virginia)  
University High (New Jersey)  
Verona High School (Wisconsin)  
and more!

## Freedom Soup



Tami Charles is a former educator and full-time author of picture books, middle grade, young adult novels, and nonfiction. As a teacher, she loved introducing her students to diverse books. As an author, she loves writing them! Tami's debut novel, Like Vanessa, earned three starred reviews, several awards, and placements on Top 10 lists. Tami resides in NJ with her husband and son.



## Ways to prepare for an author visit:

- \* Add the author visit to the school calendar, website, and marquee.
- \* Send an email blast to staff and families, informing them of the visit.
- \* Invite staff and families to purchase books in advance.
- \* Display posters throughout the school announcing the author visit.
- \* Contact local media to cover the event.
- \* Prep students by sharing the author's bio and discussing the author's books.
- \* Assign the author a school chaperone/media person to take pictures and video of students who have parental permission to be featured.

## What the author needs:

- \* An excited group of students who are familiar with the author's work and are ready to have fun and learn!
- \* For large audiences: a microphone, projector (with sound capacity), and display screen. Gyms and auditoriums work best. For small audiences (i.e. classroom workshop): white or chalkboard and proper equipment to display Power Point presentation.
- \* Approximately 45-50 minutes for presentations. (grades 3 and up) Approximately 30-45 minutes for grades 1-2. Please note Tami Charles does not do auditorium presentations for Pre-K and K. A 25 minute interactive classroom story time can be worked into the schedule, if booking a full day visit.
- \* A mutually agreed upon schedule 4 weeks in advance of the visit.

## Ways to order books:

Schools may use their own suppliers. For publisher discounts, please order six weeks in advance.

Penguin Random House  
(800) 733-3000

- \* Like Vanessa (ages 10+) ISBN 978-1580897778
- \* Becoming Beatriz (ages 12+) ISBN 978-1580897785
- \* Freedom Soup (ages 5-9) ISBN 978-0-7636-8977-3

Albert Whitman & Co. (800) 888-4741

- \* Fearless Mary (ages 5-7) ISBN 978-0807523056

Sterling Publishing (800) 367-9692

- \* GOAT: Serena Williams (ages 10+) ISBN 978-1454932017

Capstone (800) 747-4992

- \* Daphne Secret Vlogger series (ages 9-12) ISBN 978-1496563071

Scholastic (800) 246-2986

- \* All Because You Matter (ages 4-8) ISBN 978-1338574852

## Workshops:

Max of 20 students, 60 minutes:

\* **Ignite Your Inner Author!** (5th grade & up)

Everyone has a story to tell. But when it comes to actually writing it, so many questions arise. Where do I start? What if my grammar is off? And what if NO ONE wants to read this thing?!! "Ignite Your Inner Author" helps writers tackle those doubts head-on. Light the fire inside and find your voice!

\* **Channel Your Inner Nonfiction Nerd!** (5th grade & up)

Nonfiction is all the rage these days! This workshop helps writers create fact-based stories for any topic. There are tons of creative ways to tell a true story!

\* **Picture Prompt Writing** (3rd & 4th grade)

Story ideas can be found everywhere--especially in pictures! Analyze the picture that sparked the book, Fearless Mary. Students will have a chance to create their own story using pictures as prompts.

Common Core Standards: ELA-LITERACY.W.3.3-5.3, 3.1A-5.1A, W.3.6B-6.3B, W.3.3A-12.3A, RL.3.2-12.2

## Presentations:

Audience of up to 150 students, 60 minutes, including Q & A:

\* **The Write Life!** (grades 1-5)

What exactly does an author do? Write a story and publish it right away? Not so fast. The author journey can be a bumpy, but thrilling ride!

\* **The Beauty of No, the Power of YES!** (grades 3 and up)

An exploration how perceived failure can be the start of something beautiful. Designed to inspire listeners to write down their goals and be FEARLESS in actively pursuing them.

\* **Read, Write, Stay Woke** (middle & high school)

Woke [wohk]: actively aware of injustices

In an era where social issues are on the rise, being "woke" encourages constructive dialogue, understanding, and perspective. There's no better place to start than with a book, a pen, and a pad.

Common Core Standards: ELA-LITERACY.SL.1.1A-12.1A, 1.1.C-12.1C

## Fyi...

\* Presentation topics can also be done as workshops.

\* Do you have a custom topic you'd like presented for your students? Let's see what we can work out!

\* For schools with limited author visit budgets, I offer a free 20-minute Q & A via Skype or Google Hangouts, up to four times a school year. Email for further details.

I look forward to spending a wonderful day with your students!

