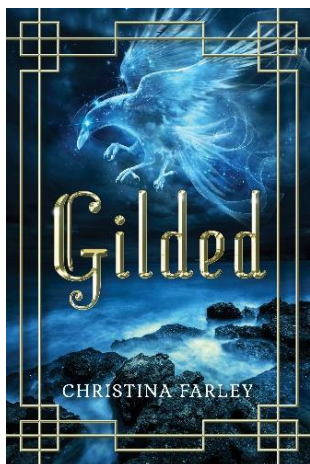




**CHRISTINA FARLEY** is the author of the Gilded series, a YA contemporary fantasy series set in Korea. GILDED was nominated for Korea's 2014 Morning Calm, Ohio's 2015 Buckeye award, and the Tome's It List. As a child, she loved to explore, which later inspired her to jump on a plane and travel the world. Christina's adventures sparked her to write stories, infusing the real world with fantasy. Currently she lives in Clermont, FL with her husband and two sons working on her upcoming middle grade, *THE PRINCESS & THE PAGE*, to be published spring 2017 through Scholastic Press.

## BOOKS:

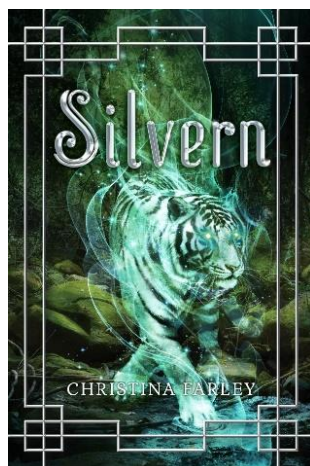


**GILDED (Gilded series #1)**  
**YA Contemporary Fantasy (Skyscape)**  
**Ages: 12 and up**

A girl with a black belt and a deadly proclivity with steel-tipped arrows discovers an ancient Korean god has been kidnapping the first-born daughters of her family for generations. And she's next.

*\*Nominated for Korea's Morning Calm Award, Ohio's Buckeye List, and Tome's It List.*

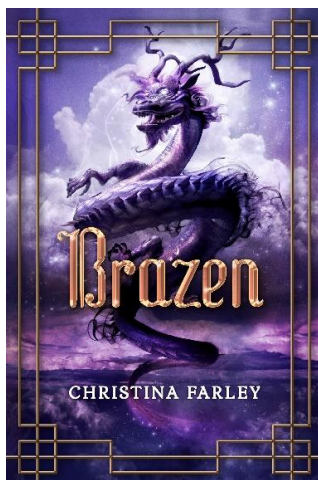
*\*Common Core study guides available for free on website.  
\*AR test available*



**SILVERN (Gilded series #2)**  
**YA Contemporary Fantasy (Skyscape)**  
**Ages: 12 and up**

Jae Hwa is ready to forget about immortals and move on with her life in Seoul. Until the god of darkness, Kud, sends an assassin to kill her. Can she sacrifice everything to defeat this new enemy?

*\*School Library Journal Recommendation  
\*Common Core study guide available for free on website.*



**BRAZEN (Gilded series #3)**

**YA Contemporary Fantasy (Skyscape)**

**Ages: 12 and up**

In a fight for the balance of power, can Jae Hwa regain all she lost and save Korea, the land she has come to call home?

Cover coming soon

**THE PRINCESS & THE PAGE**

**MG Contemporary Fantasy (Scholastic Press)**

**Ages: 8 and up**

**Coming January 2017**

A girl whose dark fairy tale comes to life after writing it with a magical Word Weaver pen must find a way to rewrite her fairy tale before all those she loves are lost. Set in a castle in France, those who love fantasy, fairy tales, and a little bit of magic will find this contemporary fantasy right up their alley.

### **Professional Reviews:**

"An amazing contemporary fantasy that explores the vast legends of Korea, this richly detailed novel kept me turning the pages well into the night. Jae Hwa starts off as a strong character and ends as a noble one, using both her brains and her brawn to win the day—she's exactly the kind of girl YA literature needs." ~from *Beth Revis, NY Times Bestselling author of Across the Universe series*

"Farley brings South Korea's fascinating culture and mythology into vivid detail in this shining debut, and Jae is a compelling heroine. An exotic, thrilling read, GILDED had me utterly entranced!" ~from *Jessica Khoury, author of ORIGIN and VITRO*

"The Korean setting and myths make for an interesting backdrop" ~*School Library Journal (GILDED)*

"Offering enough backstory for new readers to jump right in, *Silvern* will do well in libraries with demand for high fantasy and strong female protagonists, especially those of Asian decent. Additionally, a small side plot involving a visit to North Korea may interest those who would like to learn more about this closed-off country. Recommended." ~*School Library Journal* (*SILVERN*)



"Energy, adventure, and ancient Korean legends whisk the reader away to lands real and spirit bound. Jae Hwa proves to be a worthy heroine as she accepts the challenge of her life, learns that even tough girls can fall for nice boys, and finds that Korea has become her true home. Further adventures are on the way." —*Booklist*

"5 Stars *Gilded* is an extremely fun book that offers the perspective of a Korean-American teen living in a foreign country. It's also a twist on standard paranormal books, with new monsters and mythical beings. Jae Hwa is a great role model -- a strong fighter who's still unsure she can defeat Haemosu. She's real and believable. *Gilded* also has interesting locales, a romance, side characters, and Korean myth and history. After finishing the first book, readers will be eager to dive into the second one, *Silvern*." — Common Sense Media

## Speaking Engagements

*Christina Farley is available for festivals, readings, book signing events, school visits, book fairs, reading nights, and book club visits.*



# PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOP TOPICS

## **45 Minute Presentations-** Best for large assemblies

### *The Power Is Yours- Grades 3-8*

In this fun, interactive presentation, students will be inspired and challenged in how they have power with their words. This inspirational talk will follow the process of how I wrote THE PRINCESS AND THE PAGE and how words have power for good or evil. A positive focused anti-bullying message.

### *Rising Above- Grades 6-12*

In this presentation, attendees will take a journey through the process of how the Gilded series came to be from conception to publication along with my own personal journey as a writer. This inspirational talk stems from my experiences living overseas and how I stepped beyond wanting to make a difference to taking action.

### *Awakening the Story Within- Grades 3-12*

How does a book evolve from a mere idea into its actual book form? Attendees discover how a writer takes an idea and builds it into a story as well as insights into my process of writing and publishing my book.





## **45-60 Minute Workshops – Prefer no more than 75 students**

*All presentations have worksheets available.*

### ***The Adventure Begins- How to Write a Book from Start to Finish- Grades 3-12***

In this workshop, attendees will embark on their own adventure as they create stories. Attendees will learn how to write a book step by step, building characters, constructing a plot, and creating a unique world.

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### ***Solve the Mystery! Grades 3-8***

Students will create their own mystery in this workshop. Using fun storyboarding techniques, they will brainstorm as a group and learn how to create a strong story plot that will be sure to leave them laughing long after the session has completed.

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### ***Guess Who? Grades 3-8***

In this interactive workshop, students will develop a three-dimensional character. Together we will explore elements of engaging characters and then students will bring to life their character using an object of the school's choosing (i.e. shoebox, old shoe, 3D cut out, Pinterest board).

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### ***Oh, the Places We Will Go! Grades 3-8***

World building has never been more fun than to get out and explore the world. In this interactive workshop, students will use real world cultures to build the world of their imagination. Students will leave this workshop with a map of their world and 'suitcase' of objects from their explorations.

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## ***Plotting – The Hero's Journey- Grades 6-12***

Attendees will storyboard to create a plot grid that will help develop a strong story-line. Using storyboarding and the Everest approach, attendees work on brainstorming skills and upping the stakes in their stories to take their plots to the next level.

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## ***Build a Fantasy World- Grades 6-12***

Attendees will look at ways to design a fantasy world using maps, genealogical charts, histories and unique twists. They will create rules for their characters and work on world-building without performing an information dump.

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## ***Find Your Voice - Grades 6-12***

Students will be exposed to various texts and books which show examples of various voices. We will explore dialogue in text as well as in film as well as studying sentence structure and tone. Students will leave with a short fiction or non-fiction piece exhibiting voice.

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## ***Creating Real Characters- Grades 6-12***

Break free of flat, conventional characters. Find ways to bring characters into situations that allow them to show their true colors. Students will gain tips on creating characters that grow and change throughout the story.

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***School Specific Workshop-*** \$100 extra- If you wish to have a workshop designed to meet your school's needs, we can discuss what type of presentation or workshop you would like and make it happen!

## HONORARIUM

- **School Visit Full Day** \$1000— Up to 4 sessions (60 min each) + 2 autograph sessions
- **School Visit Full Day Plus** \$1200 – Up to 4 sessions (60 min) + 2 autograph sessions + 1 hour night event.
- **School pays-** Round-trip airfare, hotel, \$40/day per diem, and local ground transportation
- *Schools will receive a flyer, pre-visit video, pre-visit suggested activity sheet, and book order forms to be used in their school for promotion.*

**Festivals**—transportation and lodging costs

**B&N or Scholastic Book Fair**—\$100—Up to 2 hours, signing, meet & greet, and a short presentation if needed.

**Skype Visits**—20 min—free; 1 hour—\$100

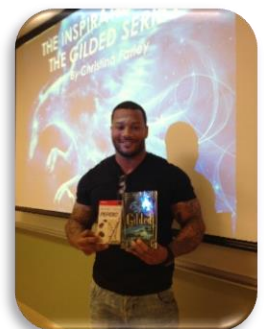
**Booking Requests:** Contact Christina Farley at [christina@christinafarley.com](mailto:christina@christinafarley.com) for details.

## Testimonials for Christina Farley



"Christina Farley may be an author now but once a teacher, always a teacher! Flexible, accommodating, knowledgeable, personable and dynamic are a few words that come to mind. Christina was able to develop sessions based on the needs of our school and conducted workshops on 3 different topics while visiting us. She was able to get the content across while captivating her audience. Imagine middle school

students who were extremely appreciative and thankful for being invited to her presentations...and who then not only told their teachers about it, but shared quotes and tips with their friends on Instagram! We



would have her back any time!" ~Andrea Parisi, Library Media Specialist, Lake Nona Middle School

"Christina Farley gave an entertaining and engaging presentation including audiovisual materials, funny anecdotes, and souvenir posters for the kids to take with them. The students are still talking about her visit." ~Mrs. Iriarte, 7th grade honors/gifted language arts, Celebration K-8 School



"Our author visit by Christina Farley was fantastic! We were totally impressed with her books and with how she presented her information. Her teaching background definitely came through; she knew just how to handle the different age groups. Her presentations had student interaction and great details that held their interest. Ms. Farley was well prepared, easy to plan with, and very approachable to her

fans. Thanks so much to Christina Farley for sharing her *Gilded* series experience with us!" ~Kathy Kersting, Seoul Foreign School, Korea

"Christina Farley visited Lockhart Middle School and spoke to hundreds of students throughout the day. Our students were engaged and loved having a published author come and speak to them. Students said her demonstrations representing the writing process were extremely helpful and memorable. Her background as a teacher is evident and her enthusiasm is contagious. Our students have constantly been asking to check-out *Gilded* and *Silvern* and are continuously asking when Ms. Farley can return for more book talks! Thank you for providing our students with such a wonderful experience." ~Janet Anderson, Media Specialist, Lockhart Middle School



"Christina Farley came to our elementary school for Teach In this year. Since she used to teach at our school, the kids were very excited to see her. She gave an incredible presentation to the various grade levels regarding her life as a writer. She went through the writing process with them, and she did it in a way that was exciting, engaging, and fun! After her presentation, she signed posters for all of the kids. She gave me a few extra posters for kids who may have not gotten one during her visit. My classroom was a





revolving door with excited kids waiting to get their own autographed poster!! They are still talking about it and a few have asked when she will be coming again to talk to them!" ~ Ms. Dees, 3rd grade teacher at Keene's Crossing Elementary



"Our students loved interacting with Christina Farley. Her presentation was engaging and informative. Our students were especially responsive to her story about her first rejection letter when she was in fourth grade! Her perseverance in pursuing her dream spoke to them very strongly. Her books were a big hit and we are all waiting for "Brazen" to come out!" ~Tricia Whitaker, Director of Library/Media Services, The First Academy

"Christina Farley's visit to our school still echoes in our hallways as the students and staff thoroughly enjoyed her educational and captivating lesson on the writing process! The value of this lesson is beyond words!" ~ Lori Martin, Media Specialist, Edgewater High School

"Thank you, Christina, for the awesome presentation and the time you gave to our students! I have had such positive feedback about how much "fun" the students had during your visit. Many of the students that attended are the kids that don't "fit in." It was so great to see them happy and excited. You are truly gifted at writing and working with kids." ~ Donna Perry, Yulee High School





## Places Spoken as a Visiting Author

### Schools

The First Academy, Orlando, FL  
Keene's Crossing Elementary, Windermere,  
FL

Wesley Chapel High School, Wesley  
Chapel, FL

Wiregrass Ranch High School, Wesley  
Chapel, FL

Seminole High School, Seminole, FL  
Windermere Preparatory, Windermere, FL  
Olympia High School, Windermere, FL  
Riverdale High School, Fort Myers, FL  
Windy Ridge K-8 School, Windermere, FL  
Land O Lakes High School, Land O Lakes,  
FL

Academy at the Lakes, Land O Lakes, FL  
Lake Nona High School, Lake Nona, FL  
Lake Nona Middle School, Lake Nona, FL  
Celebration Middle School, Celebration, FL  
Lockhart Middle School, Orlando, FL

Basic High School, Vegas, NV  
Parowan High School, Utah  
Cedar High School, Utah  
Coronado High School, NV  
Northwest Career and Technical Academy,  
NV

West Career and Technical Academy, NV  
Woodbury Middle School, NV  
Chaparral High School, NV  
Cypress Creek High School, Orlando, FL

Oak Ridge High School, Orlando, FL  
Gulf Coast Middle School, Ft. Myers, FL  
Callahan Middle School, Callahan, FL  
Kissimmee Elementary, Kissimmee, FL  
Bolles Middle School, Jacksonville, FL  
St John's Country Day School, Jacksonville,  
FL

Charles Ellis Montessori, Savannah, GA  
Savannah Arts Academy, Savannah, GA  
Milton High School, Milton, GA  
Amana Academy, Alpharetta, GA  
Notre Dame Academy, Duluth, GA  
Riverwood International Charter, Sandy  
Springs, GA

Wekiva High School, Orlando, FL  
Real Life Christian Academy, Clermont, FL  
Denn John Middle School, Kissimmee, FL  
Edgewater High School, Orlando, FL  
Meadow Woods Middle School, Orlando,  
FL

St. Cloud Middle School, St. Cloud, FL  
The Professional and Technical High  
School, Kissimmee, FL  
Colonial High School, Orlando, FL  
Fernandina Beach Middle School,  
Fernandina Beach, FL  
Yulee High School, Yulee, FL  
Apopka High School, Apopka, FL  
Trinity Prep, Orlando, FL  
Washougal School District, Washougal, WA

St. Edmund Parish School, Oak Park, IL

### **International Schools**

Seoul Foreign School, Seoul, Korea  
Seoul International School, Seoul, Korea  
Korea International School, Seoul, Korea  
Dwight School Seoul, Seoul, Korea  
Chadwick International, Incheon, Korea  
Dulwich College, Seoul, Korea

### **Colleges**

St. Leo University, San Antonio, FL  
Broward University, Miami, FL

### **Libraries**

Orange County Library System-- Alafaya  
and Orlando branches  
Lake County Library System- Leesburg  
branch  
Lake County Library Systems- Clermont  
branch

### **Bookstores**

Inkwood, Tampa, FL  
BookMark It, Orlando, FL  
Barnes & Noble, Ft. Myers, FL  
Main Street Bookstore, Utah

What the Book, Seoul, Korea  
Oxford Exchange, Tampa, FL  
Barnes & Noble, Jacksonville, FL  
Barnes & Noble, Alpharetta, GA  
Barnes & Noble, Orlando, FL  
Barnes & Noble, Tampa, FL

### **Book Festivals**

Lake County Author Fest, FL  
Amelia Island Book Festival, FL  
UCF Book Festival, FL  
Vegas Valley Book Festival, NV  
Family Reading Festival, FL  
Southern Festival of Books, TN  
CREATE Teen Fest, FL  
Florida Historical Festival

### **Conferences**

SCBWI Regional Conference, Miami, FL  
Coastal Magic, FL  
LibCon, FL  
Speculative Fiction Convention, FL

### **Speaking Engagements**

Central Florida Reading Council  
Writer's Atelier

### **Online Presence:**

**Website:** ChristinaFarley.com

**Twitter:** @ChristinaFarley

**YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/chocolateinspired](http://www.youtube.com/chocolateinspired)

**Facebook:**

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**Instagram:** <http://instagram.com/christinafarley>

**Book Trailer:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b7nfOeQdp4s>

