

# **Speaking Engagement with Christina Farley**



**CHRISTINA FARLEY** is the author of the bestselling <u>Gilded series</u>, soon to be an Amazon Studios original TV series, <u>THE PRINCESS & THE PAGE</u>, and <u>THE</u> <u>DREAM HEIST</u>. GILDED was nominated for Korea's Morning Calm, Ohio's Buckeye award, and Tome's It List. It also was hailed in Epic Read's anticipated reads, PriceStyle's recommended summer reads, Book Riot's favorite myth inspired reads, and BuzzFeed's 21 amazing series they'll miss. Christina is a certified teacher holding a master's degree in education and has taught writing workshops worldwide. **Booking Requests:** Go <u>here</u> to request your visit.

## **PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS**







45 Minute Presentations- Best for large assemblies

The Power Is Yours- Grades 3-8

Journey into the world of Word Weavers with Christina Farley and discover Word Weaver writing tips used by characters in THE PRINCESS & THE PAGE. Gain an insider's peek at Christina's writing process and the travels that inspired her books. And ask those burning

questions during the wrap-up Q&A session. This fun, interactive talk will hopefully inspire and challenge students that their words have power.

#### 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.

#### Chase After Your Dreams- Grades 3-12

Get inspired with tips and actionable steps on how to find out what your talents are and then how to gain success.

## **45 Minute Workshops**

Note: These can be converted to large groups, but it will be presented differently than a workshop.

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

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

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## Enter the Magical World of Hogwarts Publishing Grades 3-12

Have you ever felt like the world of publishing is a lot like entering the magical world of Harry Potter? You must receive a special invitation via owl, stand on Platform 9 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> for entrance, and possess certain magical powers. But in reality, publishing is a feat that even Muggles like you can achieve! In this talk, students will gain tips to achieve those 'magical writer abilities,' learn the process to get an agent, and get an insider peek into the world of publishing.

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## Escape Room! (Potting) Grades 3-12

Put your plotting and deductive reasoning skills to the test! Tasked by the Word Weaver Organization, students will choose their mission where their characters must escape a place. 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 and highly motivated long after the session has completed.

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## Oh, the Places We Will Go! Grades 2-3

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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## Escape Room – Plotting – Grades 3-12

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## Build a Fantasy World Grades 5-12

*Note: This workshop is also available as a full week workshop for a deeper in-depth study. Contact Christina for details.* 

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.

#### Raise Your Voice Grades 5-12

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

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## Characters at the Movies Grades 3-12

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 by studying characters in their favorite films.

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## Solve the Mystery Grades 3-5

In this interactive workshop, students will create their own mystery by choosing the setting, crime, characters, and clues.

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## **Thrilling Tales** Grades 3-5

In this interactive workshop, students will create their own thriller by choosing the setting, actions, characters, and thrilling events.

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## The Author's Journey: Writing, Creativity, and Storytelling

Are you curious about what it means to be an author? Do you want to hone your writing skills and uncover the storyteller within? Join bestselling author, Christina Farley, in this interactive workshop, where you'll explore the exciting path of becoming an author and how strong writing can enhance your future career.

## It's All in the Evidence (Essay Prep Workshop)

This presentation teaches essay organization and provides students how to be thorough and convincing in their essay responses. Students will be exposed to examples of elaboration and

sentence structure, provided techniques to use quotes, and given samples of smooth integration through transitions. They will also be shown how to use their facts and details effectively, as well as work with their words and vocabulary to convey purpose in their writing.

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**School Specific Workshop**- \$200 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!





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## **Continental US**

- School Visit Half Day \$800—Up to 2 sessions (45 min each) + 1 autograph session.
- School Visit Full Day \$1000 Up to 4 sessions (45 min each) + 2 autograph sessions.
- School Visit Full Day Plus \$1500 Up to 4 sessions (45 min) + 2 autograph sessions + literacy night.
- Note: Outside Central Florida schools are responsible for round-trip airfare (or in Florida milage), hotel, and local ground transportation.
- Schools receive a flyer, pre-visit video, pre-visit activities, workshop handouts, and book order forms to be used in their school for promotion.

## International

- School Visit Full Day \$2000 Up to 4 sessions (45 min each) + 2 autograph sessions.
- School Visit Full Day Plus \$2500— Up to 4 sessions (45 min) + 2 autograph sessions + night event.
- School pays- Round-trip airfare, hotel, meals, and local ground transportation.
- Schools will receive a flyer, pre-visit video, pre-visit suggested activity sheet, handouts for workshops, and book order forms to be used in their school for promotion.

Keynote – \$1000
Festivals – Contact <u>Christina@ChristinaFarley.com</u> for rates
Conferences – Contact <u>Christina@ChristinaFarley.com</u> for rates
Book Clubs – \$400 – Up to 2 hours chatting and discussing about writing and books.
Virtual Visits – One 45 min. sessions – \$200; Two 45 min. sessions – \$375



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## **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 you 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* 

## Some Places Christina Has Presented



#### **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 American School of Mumbai, India Nexus International School, Singapore Dulwich College, Beijing, China Korea International School Juju, Korea

#### **American 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 St. Edward's Lower School, 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 Morningside Elementary, Duluth, GA Blankner K-8 School, Orlando, FL Ocoee Elementary, Ocoee, FL Monteverde Academy, Monterverde, FL Falcon Cove, Ft. Lauderdale, FL Whispering Oak Elementary, FL Douglas High School, FL St. Edwards Lower School, Vero Beach, FL St Thomas More Catholic School, Decatur, GA Aloma Elementary School, FL Pine Ridge Elementary, FL John Young Elementary School, FL

Lakemont Elementary, FL Four Corners Elementary, FL Whispering Oaks Elementary, FL Arbor Ridge K-8, FL Neptune Middle School, FL Denn John Middle, FL Urban Think, FL Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle, FL Trafalgar Middle, FL Cypress Lake Middle, FL River Hall Elementary, FL Lakemont Elementary, FL Sunridge Middle, FL Autrey Mill Middle, GA Webb Bridge Middle, GA The Walker School, GA North Penn High, PA

#### **Colleges**

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

#### <u>Libraries</u>

Orange County Library System Lake County Library System- Leesburg branch Lake County Library Systems- Clermont branch Osceola Library System Bentonville Public Library

#### **Bookstores**

Inkwood, Tampa, FL BookMark It, Orlando, FL Various Barnes & Nobles Main Street Bookstore, Utah What the Book, Seoul, Korea Oxford Exchange, Tampa, FL Little Shop of Stories, GA Books and Books, Coral Springs Vero Beach Book Center, 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 Kentucky Book Festival, KY Fan Faire, Osceola County, FL

#### **Conferences**

SCBWI Regional Conference, Miami, FL Coastal Magic, FL LibCon, FL Speculative Fiction Convention, FL ILA, Florida ALA, Florida Oasis Con, Orlando

Speaking Engagements Central Florida Reading Council Writer's Atelier

#### **Online Presence:**

Website: ChristinaFarley.com Twitter: @ChristinaFarley YouTube: www.youtube.com/chocolateinspired Facebook: www.facebook.com/ChristinaFarleyAuthor Instagram: http://instagram.com/christinalfarley Book Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b7nfOeQdp 4s



#### **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)

"The pace is effective for building a deep sense of mystery . . . in Keira's first-person narrative, readers will discover clues right along with her." ~ *Booklist* 

"Keira's first-person, present-tense narration . . . works. The story's overarching theme of the power of words is timely and poignant . . . A smart, peppery, action-packed plot teams up with playful, astute characters." ~ *Kirkus Reviews* 

"The shimmering jacket illustration by Petur Antonsson will surely catch the eyes of young



readers and lure budding princesses to read about the sapphire blue pen's magic powers." ~ School Library Connection

"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 descent. 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* (GILDED)



"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