



AUTHOR & SPEAKER

OMAR ABED

MEDIA KIT

HI! I'M OMAR...

an award-winning
children's book author.

I'm passionate about
children's education, and
love connecting with
readers of all ages.

Whether I'm leading
engaging workshops with
young readers or helping
writers navigate their
publishing journeys, I'm
excited to share my love of
stories with all audiences.

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Bio



Omar Abed is an award-winning children's book author. After a decade spent writing software as a professional engineer, Omar rediscovered his childhood passion for storytelling. His picture books offer a generational bridge, making children laugh out loud while helping adults rediscover the magic of a good story.

Omar is Palestinian-American and lives in Northern Virginia with his family.

The Journey

I loved reading as a child. Once I grew older, a casual interest in music translated to an admiration for spoken-word poetry.

I studied computer engineering in college, but continued using poetry to express myself. Some of my poetry worked well as children's books, and the jump between formats felt natural.

I self-published my first book to learn about the publishing process and industry. Afterwards, I signed with an agent and sold my formal debut to Penguin Random House.

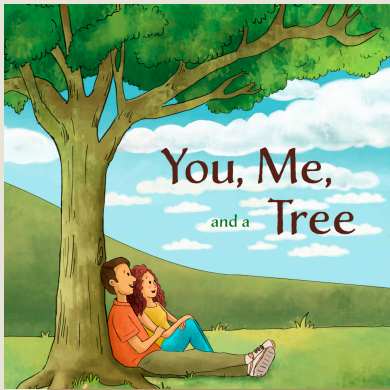
With more stories on the way, my journey continues to unfold.

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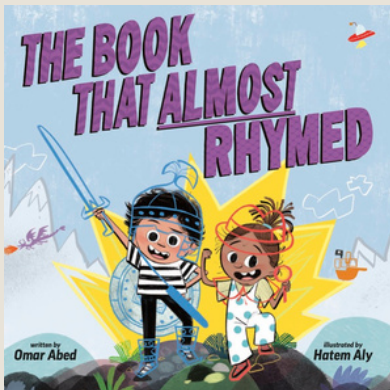


Stories



YOU, ME, AND A TREE

A heartfelt story of an ever-growing love, and a testament to love's greatest triumphs.



THE BOOK THAT ALMOST RHYMED

Every great adventure needs a hero—or two! This playful take on storytelling and equity proves that two tellers can make a rhyming tale twice as nice.

“[Omar’s] rhyming prowess propels this sprightly picture book...”

— Publishers Weekly

“[Kids will] enjoy the silliness [and] the chaos that springs from each unexpected plot twist... Sure to amuse.” — Booklist, Starred Review

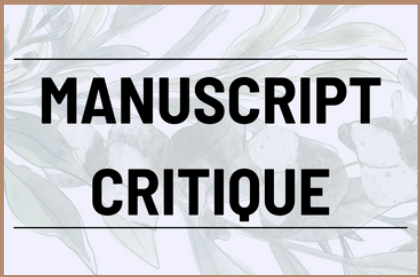
“Riotous... Readers will appreciate these rollicking rhymes.” — Kirkus

DEBUG THIS BOOK

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Help! This book is being overrun by code! Saving this story will take smarts and a little help from the reader. Are you game to debug this book?!

Story Services



MANUSCRIPT CRITIQUE

Receive constructive feedback on your manuscript, with focus on things like: character development and motivation, plot, pacing and structure, grammar / spelling / punctuation, showing vs. telling, and more.



PITCH / QUERY CRITIQUE

Agents and editors receive thousands of pitches. Write one that stands out! Receive constructive feedback and guidance on your pitch.



PUBLISHING CONSULTATION

Getting published can be a mysterious process. Let Omar help! Discuss a plan for achieving your writing goals with personal advice on topics such as: query letters, finding an agent, pitching to publishers, self-publishing, and more!

What Others Have Said

"I was very happy with the feedback I received. [Omar provided] me with lots of ideas for developing the story, as well as improving the writing. He was incredibly easy to work with and was willing to go above and beyond to continue to assist after the initial feedback. I will definitely be turning to Omar for help with future writing projects." — H. Malik

"As a new author, entering the query trenches can be very overwhelming. Omar recently critiqued my query letter and provided me invaluable feedback and insight. He did a fabulous job of understanding what I was trying to say but was struggling to communicate." — J. Johnston

Events & Workshops



LET'S TELL A STORY

In this interactive session for kids, Omar guides children through the process of writing their own story. First, discuss the foundations of a good story, including topics like character, setting, and plot. Then, put it all together in a collaborative storytelling adventure, guided by the kids. Young ones will leave this workshop feeling empowered to tell their own stories.



THE STORY ONLY YOU CAN WRITE

Are you intimidated by the blank page before you? How do you build confidence in your literary voice? Answer these questions and more in this interactive, guided workshop which places you in the writer's seat. Discover your unique voice and reach your audience in this practical session for aspiring writers.



GETTING PUBLISHED

How do I get my story in readers' hands? Do I need an agent? How do I get started?

Answer these questions and more in this informational session for aspiring writers.

The publishing industry can be a mysterious place. Having an experienced guide to help kickstart your writing career can make all the difference. Learn how to avoid common pitfalls and position yourself for a long, prosperous writing career.

LET'S GET STARTED

PLANNING YOUR EVENT

Nothing unlocks the joy of reading like an engaging, author-led event. School visits, interactive workshops, and more — It's all possible.

Or maybe you could use a guide on your own publishing journey? I've sold stories to the world's top publishers. Let me help you navigate the writing process and the mysterious publishing industry.

Let's plan your unforgettable event together.



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SERVICES

In-Person Read-Aloud / Book Signing

Virtual Reading and Q&A

Writing Workshop (half-day)

Writing Workshop (full-day)

Individual Story Manuscript Services

Operating on a limited budget? Don't sweat it. Omar is eager to find creative solutions for offering events to underfunded children. Visit OmarAbed.com/events to browse past and upcoming events.

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