

Bio for Suzanne Morgan Williams

- ❖ Suzanne Morgan Williams is author of the middle-grade novel, *Bull Rider*, Margaret K. McElderry Books 2009, and of eleven published nonfiction books for children. *Bull Rider* is a Junior Library Guild Selection, represented Nevada at the National Book Festival in Washington D.C., won a Western Heritage Award from the Western Heritage and National Cowboy Museum in Oklahoma City, and has been on state award lists in Nevada, Texas, Missouri, Wyoming, and Indiana. *Piñatas And Smiling Skeletons, Celebrating Mexican Festivals*, (Zoe Harris and Suzanne Williams, Pacific View Press, 1999) won an Independent Publishers' Book Award for Best Multicultural Non-Fiction, 1999 and was chosen as Outstanding by the Parent's Choice Council. *The Cherokee*, (Heinemann Library, 2003) has been used by the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, in their Cherokee Immersion program. *Made In China, Ideas And Inventions From Ancient China* (Pacific View Press, 1997) is used in Chinese schools across North America. Her articles have been published in *Children's Writers and Illustrators Market*, *SCBWI Bulletin*, and *Highlights for Children*.
- ❖ Suzanne is on the current Nevada Arts Council Artist in Residence Roster and has won numerous grants from the Arts Council and Nevada Humanities to support her research, writing, and school presentations. She received a Sierra Arts Foundation Grant for Literary Arts and was honored to be Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Member of the Year in 2012. This was for her work in creating the Nevada SCBWI Mentor Program and for supporting diversity in the literary community.
- ❖ A former elementary teacher, Suzanne is a frequent presenter at teacher workshops, and has created teachers' materials for Sierra Arts Foundation's *Los Días de Los Muertos* teachers' workshop and Nevada Hispanic Services, *Great Latinos Biography Project*. Since *Bull Rider* was published she's presented at more than 100 schools, libraries and conferences in twenty-six states and gives writers workshops on craft topics, creating school visits, and promoting your books.
- ❖ Suzanne has a B.A. from University of California, Davis, M.Ed. from College of Notre Dame, Belmont, CA, an AMS Montessori Certificate, and teaching credentials. She is Regional Advisor Emerita, Nevada Chapter of Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

TITLES: BULL RIDER (Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2009); **CHINA'S DAUGHTERS** (Pacific View Press, 2011); **CHEROKEE INDIANS, CHINOOK INDIANS, POWHATAN INDIANS, OJIBWE INDIANS, TLINGIT INDIANS**, (Heinemann Library, Chicago), **THE INUIT**, (Franklin Watts, Danbury, CT), **KENTUCKY, NEVADA** (Scholastic Libraries, NY), **MADE IN CHINA, Ideas And Inventions From Ancient China, PIÑATAS AND SMILING SKELETONS, Celebrating Mexican Festivals**(Pacific View Press)..