

## Suzanne Morgan Williams

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- ◆ Suzanne Morgan Williams is author of the middle-grade novel, *Bull Rider*, Margaret K. McElderry Books (imprint of Simon and Schuster) 2009, and of ten published and one upcoming multicultural and historic nonfiction books for children. *Piñatas And Smiling Skeletons, Celebrating Mexican Festivals*, (by 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) is used by the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, in their Cherokee Immersion program, while *Made In China, Ideas And Inventions From Ancient China* (Pacific View Press, 1997) is used in Chinese schools and sold in museum bookstores across North America.
- ◆ Suzanne was chosen as a 2000 Sierra Arts Foundation Grant recipient for Literary Arts and received Nevada Arts Council Jackpot Grants (2001, 2002) to research her book, *The Inuit* (Franklin Watts, 2003) in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, Canada. A return trip in 2004 resulted in an article published in May 2006, *Highlights for Children* magazine. She received an honorable mention in Nevada Arts Council's Artist Fellowships 2002-2003. A 2005 Jackpot Grant supported a project with Ojibwe women elders. She is a Nevada Artist in Residence. She was the resident playwright for Northern Nevada International Center's Global Kids Summer Camp in 2006 and 2007.
- ◆ A former elementary teacher, Suzanne gives school presentations, teacher workshops, and has created teachers' materials for Sierra Arts Foundation's *Los Dias de Los Muertos* teachers' workshop; Nevada Hispanic Services, Reno, *Great Latinos Biography Project*, as well as educational materials for Candlewick Press and G.P. Putnam's Sons authors.. She has spoken at many schools, museums, libraries, and at teachers', librarians', and writers' conferences.
- ◆ 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, Sierra Nevada Chapter of Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

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