



2:00-4:30 PM

Arrive at 2:00 to register, mix and mingle.
Refreshments provided.

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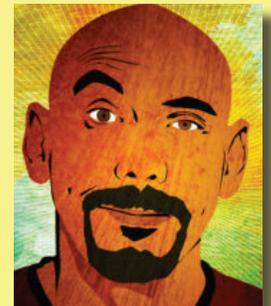
Children's Authors Panel

A panel discussion on paths to publication.

Mae Respicio (maerespicio.com) is the author of the middle grade novels *The House That Lou Built*, which won the 2019 APALA Honor Title Award in Children's Literature, *Any Day With You* (out May 2020), and *Everything Starts With Nothing* (out 2021), all from Random House Children's Books. Mae is a past recipient of a PEN Rosenthal Emerging Voices Fellowship and has published many musings on parenthood. She lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband and sons.



Innosanto Nagara (aisforactivist.org) is the author and illustrator of a number of social justice themed children's books, including the bestselling *A is for Activist*. Originally from Indonesia, Innosanto moved to the US in 1988 to pursue a degree in zoology. Instead he became a graphic designer and an activist, founding the social justice design studio Design Action Collective in Oakland. He has now written six books. *Counting on Community* was his second board book. That was followed by *My Night in the Planetarium* and *The Wedding Portrait*, that are both picture books. His first middle grade book, *M is for Movement*, came out Fall 2019. And his next book, *Oh, the Things We're For!*, is coming out in October 2020. He has also contributed illustrations to a number of anthologies.



Mitali Perkins (mitaliperkins.com) is the author of many award-winning books for young readers including *Between Us and Abuela*, *Forward Me Back to You*, *You Bring the Distant Near* and *Tiger Boy*, each of which explores crossing different kinds of borders. Her middle-grade novel, *Rickshaw Girl*, was adapted as a film by Sleeperwave Productions and Half-Stop Down. Mitali was born in Kolkata, India before immigrating to the US. She has lived in Bangladesh, India, England, Thailand, Mexico, Cameroon, and Ghana, studied political science at Stanford and public policy at UC Berkeley, and currently resides in the SF Bay area.



Panel moderator **Natasha Yim** is a children's author and freelance writer. She has published six picture books and written for the children's magazines, *Highlights for Children*, *Appleseeds*, *Faces*, and *Muse*. She is also a regular contributor to *Mendocino Arts Magazine*. Her upcoming math-concept picture book, *Luna's Yum Yum Dim Sum*, illustrated by Violet Kim, will be published by Charlesbridge Publishing in Fall 2020, as part of the Storytelling Math series. She is currently working on a multicultural historical fiction middle grade novel. Natasha grew up in Malaysia, Singapore, and Hong Kong and loves to write about people and cultures from around the world.

