

Award-winning author available for talks / workshops

Amra Pajalić is an award-winning author, an editor and teacher who draws on her Bosnian cultural heritage to write own voices stories for young people, who like her, are searching to mediate their identity and take pride in their diverse culture.

She won the 2009 Melbourne Prize for Literature's Civic Choice Award for her novel re-published as *Sabiha's Dilemma* (Pishukin Press 2022). The anthology she co-edited, *Growing up Muslim in Australia* (Allen and Unwin, 2014, 2019), was shortlisted for the 2015 Children's Book Council of the year awards and her memoir *Things Nobody Knows But Me* (Transit Lounge, 2019) was shortlisted for the 2020 National Biography Award.

Combining her skills as an English high school teacher and author, Amra has delivered talks, workshops and mentorship at schools, universities, and writing festivals. Amra offers talks/workshops on the following topics:

- On becoming a writer
- Why I write about the western suburbs
- Identity and belonging memoir workshop
- Using fiction techniques in non fiction workshop
- Short story writing workshop
- Poetry workshop

Sample of Public appearances

2022 School visit St Albans Secondary College
2022 Memoir writing workshop at Brimbank's Sunshine Library funded by Creative Brimbank
2021 Author Talk at Box Hill Library
2020 Writers Victoria Workshops: All About Memoir
2020 Brimbank Literary Festival
2020 Bayside Readers & Writers Festival
2015 Workshop at Immigration Museum for MWF
2015 Growing up Muslim panel at Melbourne Writers Festival
2015 Short story workshop Brimbank Literary Festival
2014 Memoir writing workshop to primary and secondary students at the Immigration Museum
2014 Wheeler Centre event to launch *Growing up Muslim in Australia*
2014 Memoir writing workshop at City of Hume
2012 Artist in Residence Gisborne Secondary College
2011 Artist in Residence at Keilor Downs College
2010 Artist in Residence at St Albans Secondary College

Rates

\$330 for a 60 minute online or in person workshop or presentation

Testimonials

'It was a pleasure having Amra Pajalic facilitate these Memoir Writing Workshops. Amra was always prepared in advance of the sessions and shared her extensive experience, skills and passion for this writing genre. She made a concerted effort to get to know the participants and provide ongoing support and advice.' Josephine Mifsud, Senior Library Services & Programs Officer, Sunshine Library

'The memoir writing workshop with Amra was an incredible experience. Amra's enthusiasm and passion were contagious, and her constant encouragement allowed me to explore not only a new genre of writing, but also to reflect on my life and how my experiences have shaped who I am today. Amra's expertise as a teacher and memoir writer were obvious, and I really enjoyed learning from her.' (JH) Sunshine Library Memoir Writing Workshop Participant

'Our stories were partially based on relatives, the key themes being emigration to Australia and acceptance into the community. I have taken away a whole new manner of writing and planning stories from these workshops. I will be able to apply the skills in every piece of writing I do from now on. It was a thoroughly rewarding experience.' Phila, Student, Gisborne Secondary College,

Audience

Online - Virtual Visits
Primary
Secondary
Senior Secondary
Teachers

Location

Online - Virtual Visits
Victoria

- **Teacher at St Albans Secondary College**
- **Working with Children Check**
- **Duck for Cover Public Liability Insurance**
- **Current Victorian Institute of Teaching Registration**

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