

Award-winning author available for talks / workshops competition judge / panels / funding assessor / mentor

Amra Pajalić is a traditionally published award-winning author who has written young adult fiction, memoir, and romance novels under pen name Mae Archer. She is now an indie author and managing her own publishing. She has also been successful in obtaining funding applications and has been a panel assessor, and is an award-winning short story writer whose writing has been published in anthologies, journals and in online publications.

Combining her skills as an English high school teacher and author, she is an official mentor with Writers Victoria. Amra has delivered talks, workshops and mentorship at schools, universities, and writing festivals.

Amra offers mentoring and talks/workshops in the following genres / areas:

- Young adult fiction
- Adult fiction
- Memoir
- Romance
- Funding applications
- Short story
- Self publishing

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 Grant Writing Workshop at Self Publishing
Network Conference
2021 Heroine's Writers' Festival
2021 Author Talk at Box Hill Library
2020 Writers Victoria Workshops: All About Memoir
2020 Brimbank Literary Festival
2020 Bayside Readers & Writers Festival
2019 Funding Application workshop at Writers
Victoria
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

Testimonials

'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

'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. Amra 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

About the author

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 debut novel *The Good Daughter*. 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.

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