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Award-Winning Canadian Author Delivers Dreams of Hope

Navjot Kaur's new book helps parents bond with their little ones while inspiring them to become global citizens

Vancouver, BC- Inspiring kids to become smart, global citizens is not a theme often seen in children's stories. However, ***Dreams of Hope*** is a new lullaby tale that encourages children to appreciate the natural beauty of their world while dreaming of ways to help and preserve it. *Dreams of Hope* is the second title penned by award-winning children's author, Navjot Kaur, and illustrated by Gurleen Rai. It will be released worldwide this June 2011.

In *Dreams of Hope*, a father takes his daughter- his Little One- on a dream journey each night. His lullaby fosters a sense of wonder for her world and a respect for all living things. Together they see amazing creatures such as the land bound *Sundees* (caterpillars) turning into high flying butterflies and the gentle *Chirus* (Tibetan antelope) snuggling into their *Shahtooshi* (Chirus' wool). Father's lullaby fills her with dreams of hope and peace for Mother Earth that will someday take flight.

"*Dreams of Hope* is filled with peaceful messages that help parents introduce the value of becoming responsible global citizens to their children," says Kaur. "For example, people often forget that the Chiru is an endangered animal hunted for its wool, and so, *Dreams of Hope* promotes dialogue and action regarding environmental issues like these. It encourages children to think about their world in a whole new way and dream of what they can do to help it."

Published by Saffron Press, a company known for its books with global narratives and innovative perspectives, *Dreams of Hope* also features Sikh characters whose faces and identities are not widely seen in children's books. Though the Sikh culture is not the main theme of the book, the use of these characters encourages a diversity of thought in children that challenges preconceived notions of bias and stereotype. This poetic ode is also intertwined with breathtaking cultural imagery and Panjabi language featured as "global words."

Each book is made from 100% recycled paper and comes with a keepsake page where parents and caregivers can record dreams of hope for their children. The end papers are illustrated with a unique travel guide that moves away from traditional tourist attractions to monuments of peace around the world. These pages also feature the word "goodnight" in many different languages.

Dreams of Hope is for children ages 4 to 8. It can be purchased for \$16.95 US and \$17.95 CDN from the Saffron Press website (www.saffronpress.com) and ordered from any independent bookstore. Partial proceeds from *Dreams of Hope* will benefit Embrace Global (www.embraceglobal.org). Review copies are available upon request.



About Navjot Kaur

Born and raised in England and of Sikh-Panjabi heritage, Navjot Kaur is fascinated and inspired by diverse environments and culture. Her first children's book, *A Lion's Mane*, won the 2010 Skipping Stones Honor Award for Multicultural and International Awareness. She believes that our children can become advocates for social change and uses her writing as a way to inspire them to become responsible, global citizens.

Navjot loves to capture treasured moments with scribbled notes-to-self, which will one day form the serifs of a yet untitled story, waiting to be brought to life. She currently lives in picturesque Vancouver, Canada with her little lion cub and wonderful husband. www.navjotkaur.com

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