

About the Author



Award-winning author and elementary teacher, Navjot Kaur, spent much of her childhood nourishing her imagination in her own personal *Faraway Tree* (which strangely resembled her attic). Her father used to bring her colorful comic books that ignited a sense of self and cultivated a love for language and story. Born and raised in England and of Sikh-Panjabi heritage, Navjot is fascinated and inspired by diverse environments and culture.

When she became a mother to a hard of hearing child, Navjot discovered the tender beauty of signed language and the need for more diversity and inclusion in publishing. 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. Her books encourage critical dialogue at an early age, so children can learn to think about everything they see and hear and become more informed about their world.

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.

Her latest book, *Dreams of Hope*, will be released in June 2011.