

## Invite author Leila Sales to visit your school!



**Leila Sales** is the author of six middle grade and young adult novels, published by Macmillan, Simon & Schuster, and Chronicle. Her books have been translated into a dozen languages, optioned for stage and screen, received numerous starred reviews, and appeared on many state reading lists. Leila has spent the past eleven years at Penguin Young Readers Group, where she edited award-winning and bestselling books by authors including Viola Davis, Max Brallier, Gayle Forman, Sally Green, Greg Pizzoli, and more. She is now based out of Austin, Texas, and travels frequently, speaking about writing and young adult literature to audiences all over the country (and the world). Learn more at [leilasales.com](http://leilasales.com), or follow her @LeilaSalesBooks.

### Some of Leila's school presentations:

- ★ **How a Book Gets Made.** An overview of the publishing process, from first draft to editorial process through sales and marketing, highlighting the wide variety of career opportunities in the publishing industry.
- ★ **Writing Workshops.** Guided writing exercises and critiques, focused on generating story ideas, reinforcing the importance of revision, and convincing all students that their voices are worth hearing.
- ★ **Empathy and Anti-Bullying.** A presentation using the themes of *This Song Will Save Your Life* and *If You Don't Have Anything Nice to Say* to promote empathy and help teens understand the effects of cyber-bullying.

**Contact Leila at [leila@leilasales.com](mailto:leila@leilasales.com) to discuss your students' needs, and together we can create a tailor-made author visit just for them.**

### **What other educators have to say:**

- ★ “Leila was an engaging guest who openly shared her experiences as a writer and inspired the young writers of Cheshire Academy to pursue their ambitions and dreams. During her visit, she facilitated a writing workshop that motivated students by creating a non-judging forum for students to share their writing. Students read *This Song Will Save Your Life* in advance of her visit and had copies ready for her to sign. The event lasted 90 minutes and was captivating from beginning to end.”—**Wendy Smith, Cheshire Academy, Connecticut**
  
- ★ “Leila inspired our students with her stories of her writing process, how she became a published author, and what it's like to be an editor. Whether she was talking with 5th graders or 12th graders, Leila treated them as equals. In addition to answering students' questions about her own work, Leila got them talking about their own reading and writing.”—**Alice Stern, The Winsor School, Massachusetts**
  
- ★ “Leila was awe-inspiring. My students and I were so grateful to have her visit us and share her expertise as a published author. We experienced a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, Leila engaged my students through genuine stories and real world connections. My students were left motivated to learn more about what it takes to be an author and of course read more of Leila's great books.”—**Kyra Clemons, Academy for Young Writers, New York**
  
- ★ “Leila Sales visited Symphony Space's Thalia Book Club Camp and enchanted the campers with her wonderful book *Once Was a Time*. She was very warm and engaged, and her enthusiasm was contagious.”—**Madeline Cohen, Symphony Space, New York**
  
- ★ “Long after each visit to our school, students continue to request and read Leila Sales books. She is phenomenal and connects well with students in a way that inspires them to read and write! The passion she exudes for writing is transferable to students. Her pleasant demeanor welcomes as many questions as the students can ask about her novels or the craft of writing. Our time spent with Leila Sales is always delightful!”—**Veronica Perinon, Golden Gate High School, Florida**

**Can't fit in an in-person author event? Ask Leila about a Skype visit for your classroom, library, or book club!**