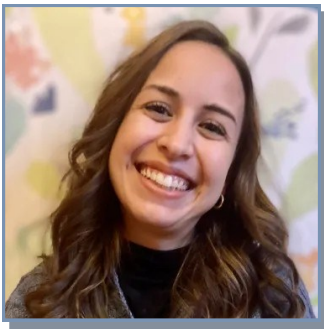


每月作家
Author of the Month



Jasmine Warga is the #1 New York Times-bestselling author of middle grade novels *Other Words For Home*, *A Rover's Story*, and *A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall*. Her books have won several awards including, a John Newbery Honor, a Walter Honor for Young Readers, a Charlotte Huck Honor, the Ohioana Library award, and a Barnes & Noble Children's and YA Book Award finalist. Additionally, they have been named to several state award lists ("Jasmine Warga").

Jasmine grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio. Growing up, she loved reading, devouring favorites like *Charlotte's Web* and *The Witches*. *The Bridge to Terabithia* made her cry in fourth grade, and she fell in love with stories by Sharon Draper and Margaret Peterson Haddix in middle school. (*Warga, Jasmine*).

She went to college with the intention of getting a degree in something "practical" to please her parents, she graduated with a degree in Art History and History, focusing on storytelling. After graduation, she found a job teaching 6th grade science to a bunch of smart and challenging students in Texas. While teaching, she started to try her hand at writing her own stories (*Warga, Jasmine*).

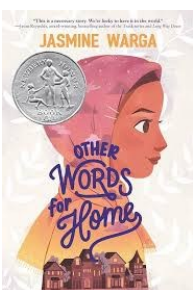
At first she didn't quite believe she could really be an author because she never read stories about girls like her. She now feels inspired to empower young readers to tell their own stories. She believes that all kids should have the opportunity to see diversity in protagonists and heroes, and that we all gain empathy and insight from reading outside of our own experience ("Jasmine Warga").

These days, Jasmine lives with her husband, two daughters, and a very energetic dog in a book-filled house in the Chicago-area ("Jasmine Warga").

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 Library Collection (Secondary)



[Other Words For Home](#)

Call number: JF WAR

Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the family members who were left behind as she adjusts to a new life with unexpected surprises.



[A Strange Thing Happened In Cherry Hall](#)

Call number: JF WAR

A painting has been stolen! When Rami sees a floating girl in the museum, he knows he has seen her somewhere before. Then he realizes: she looks just like the girl in the painting that has gone missing. But how does her appearance connect to the theft?