

Debbi Michiko Florence

Children's Author



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Debbi Michiko Florence is the author of the *Jasmine Toguchi* and the *My Furry Foster Family* chapter book series. Her middle grade debut is *Keep It Together, Keiko Carter*

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A third-generation Japanese American and a former teacher, Debbi now writes full time in Connecticut.



Jasmine Toguchi Mochi Queen
Junior Library Guild Selection
Amazon's Best Children's Books
Chicago Public Library's Best
Nerdy Book Club Winner
Amelia Bloomer Booklist
CCBC Choices List

Jasmine Toguchi Drummer Girl
Junior Library Guild Selection
Chicago Public Library's Best
Nerdy Book Club Award Winner
Cybils Award Winner
CCBC Choices List



Debbi was spot-on with her presentation to our students, discussing the writing process and sharing ideas with them to inspire them in their writing. The best proof that Debbi's visit was a success? Debbi's *Jasmine Toguchi* books are the most requested books in the library! I love that her visit inspired both our writers and readers.

–Jill Fayan, Library Media Specialist, Jeffrey Elementary School, Madison, CT

Presentations

Big Dreams!

I share the journey of how I became an author as well as the journey of how an idea becomes a published book. I also talk about the inspiration for my books, Japanese culture, and the writing process. Presentations include time for Q & A.

Grades K - 1 30 minutes
Grades 1 - 7 50 minutes

Got Character?

A character development writing workshop. I share how I develop the characters in my books and lead writing exercises for students to create their own characters using their experiences and traditions.

Grades 3 - 7 60 minutes (max 35 students)

Fees

Full Day Visit: \$1500
Up to 4 presentations plus book signing for locations over 40 miles from Mystic CT, plus travel expenses.

Local to Mystic – Full Day: \$1100
Up to 4 presentations plus book signing for locations under 40 miles from Mystic CT.

Local to Mystic – Half Day: \$550
Up to 2 presentations plus book signing for locations under 40 miles from Mystic CT.

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