

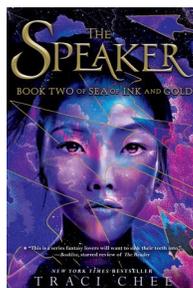
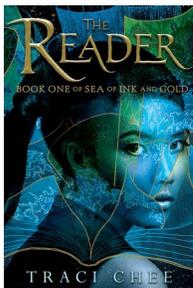
Featured Local Author:

Traci Chee



Traci's debut novel, "The Reader" (book one of Sea of Ink and Gold) was published in 2016 by Putnam/Penguin books. A New York Times Bestseller, it has earned numerous 'Best Book' honors from media - including NPR, American Library Association, and Barnes & Noble - as well as being a finalist for the esteemed Kirkus prize. Her next book, "The Speaker," will be available in November, 2017.

Learn more about Traci at www.tracichee.com, and view her [Penguin Random House](#) profile.



I moved to Angels Camp from San Francisco when I was ten, and I honestly could not have asked for a better childhood—building tree forts, wading through icy creeks, hiking, camping, and exploring caves. Moving to Calaveras county showed me that I'm a true country girl at heart.

I've wanted to be a writer since I was in high school. I studied creative writing at UC Santa Cruz and San Francisco State, and after a short detour into teaching, I started writing again and haven't looked back since. I often write at my desk with a nice cup of English breakfast tea.

*I think the day my mother binge-read my manuscript of *The Reader* was pretty memorable. I always knew she supported me, but that was the moment I also realized she totally believed in me and my work.*

When I was a kid, my dad used to take me to the library all the time, and I'd check out armfuls and armfuls of books. I felt so lucky to be able to read so many stories! Libraries are such incredible resources, and such important pieces of the communities they serve.

A few of Traci's favorite (local) things:

Festival or Event - Frog Jump

Historic Figure - Mark Twain

Tourist Attraction - Natural Bridges

Food & Drink - Crusco's Ristorante (in Angels Camp)

Museum or Gallery - Petroglyphs (in Mokelumne Hill)

Some of Traci's favorite books are "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle, "Watership Down" by Richard Adams, "Dune" by Frank Herbert, "One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, "Cosmicomics" by Italo Calvino, "House of Leaves" by Mark Z. Danielewski, "Under a Painted Sky" and "Outrun the Moon" by Stacey Lee, "Where Futures End" by Parker Peevyhouse, "R is for Rocket" by Ray Bradbury, and the "His Dark Materials" trilogy by Phillip Pullman.

