

Suzanne Morgan Williams

- ◆ Suzanne Morgan Williams is author of the middle-grade novel, *Bull Rider*, Margaret K. McElderry Books (an imprint of Simon and Schuster) 2009, and of eleven nonfiction books for children. *Bull Rider* is a Junior Library Guild Selection for 2009, represented Nevada at the 2008 National Book Festival in Washington D.C., was selected for both the Texas Library Association's 2010 Tayshas and Lone Star Lists, is a finalist for Nevada Young Readers' Award, 2011, is a finalist for Missouri's Truman Award, 2012 and Indiana's Young Hoosier Award, 2012, and won a Western Heritage award from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. Her nonfiction book, *Piñatas And Smiling Skeletons, Celebrating Mexican Festivals*, (by Zoe Harris and Suzanne Williams, Pacific View Press, 1999) won an Independent Publishers' Book Award for Best Multicultural Non-Fiction, 1999 and was chosen as Outstanding by the Parent's Choice Council.
- ◆ Suzanne was chosen as a 2000 Sierra Arts Foundation Grant recipient for Literary Arts and received Nevada Arts Council Jackpot Grants (2001, 2002) to research her book, *The Inuit* (Franklin Watts, 2003) in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, Canada. A return trip in 2004 resulted in an article published in May 2006, *Highlights for Children* magazine. She received an honorable mention in Nevada Arts Council's Artist Fellowships 2002-2003. A 2005 Jackpot Grant supported a project with Ojibwe women elders. A 2008 Jackpot Grant allowed her to research a work-in-progress, *I, Inuk*.
- ◆ A former elementary teacher, Suzanne gives school presentations, teacher workshops, and has created teachers' materials for community organizations, such as the Nevada Hispanic Services' *Great Latinos Biography Project*, as well as for other children's authors. She has spoken across at schools, museums, libraries, and educators', and writers' conferences across the US and Canada.
- ◆ Suzanne has a B.A. from University of California, Davis, M.Ed. from College of Notre Dame, Belmont, CA, an AMS Montessori Certificate, and teaching credentials. She is Co-Regional Advisor, Nevada Region of Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

TITLES: BULL RIDER (Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2009); **CHINA'S DAUGHTERS** (Pacific View Press, 2011); **CHEROKEE INDIANS, CHINOOK INDIANS, POWHATAN INDIANS, OJIBWE INDIANS, TLINGIT INDIANS**, (Heinemann Library, Chicago), **THE INUIT**, (Franklin Watts, Danbury, CT), **KENTUCKY, NEVADA** (Children's Press, Danbury, CT), **MADE IN CHINA, Ideas And Inventions From Ancient China, PIÑATAS AND SMILING SKELETONS, Celebrating Mexican Festivals**(Pacific View Press). **Website:** www.suzannemorganwilliams.com