



Author Guide

**Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution - Sherri Winston
Slideshow - Alex Smith and Baylee Balsiger**



About Sherri Winston

Sherri Winston writes books at an elementary and early middle school level. She says that she's wanted to be a writer since she was three years old. Sherri currently lives in Central Florida with her husband, two daughters, and her animals. Sherri Winston is a self proclaimed "lover of cakes, sarcasm, and wish fulfillment"

Fun Facts!

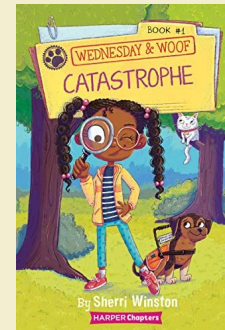
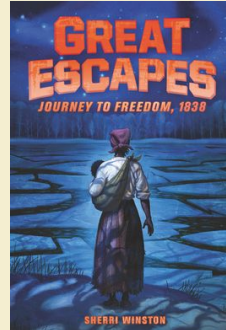
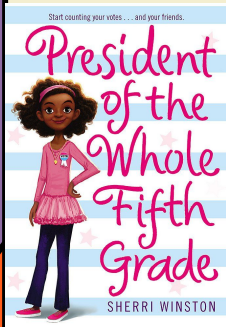
- ★ **Sherri Winston was a journalist before she was a writer!**
- ★ **Sherri Winston keeps cats, turtles, and a dog as pets!**
- ★ **Sherri Winston loves to bake!**

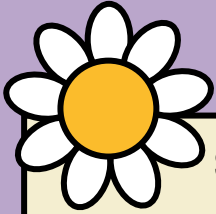
Winston's books

Winston is a prolific children's author, having written 12 books. Her most recent book, *Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution*, is featured in this year's festival!

Winston's other works include *The Sweetest Sound*, *The President of the Whole Fifth Grade*, and *Jada Sly: Artist and Spy*

Winston's books depict young African-American girls facing different challenges as they grow up.

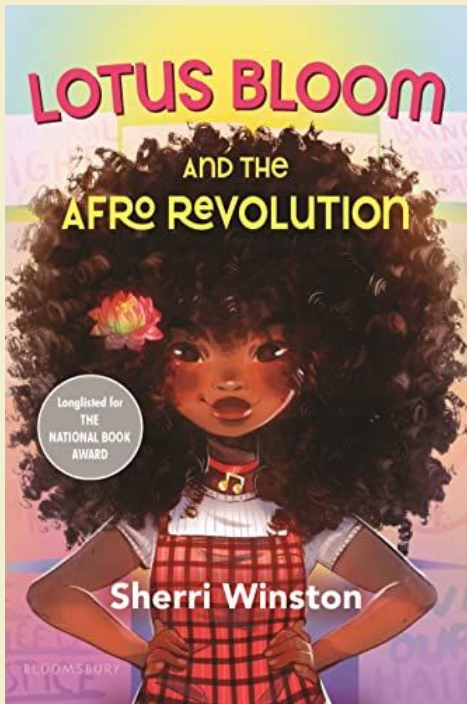




Sherrí Winston, on writing books about African-American issues:

“I always wanted to see girls like Nancy Drew who were plucky and smart and used their wits, and I just wondered, why can’t I see those characters but have them also reflect what I look like and where I live?”

Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution



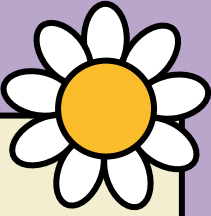
Lotus's violin, 70's aesthetic, calming energy, and gorgeous, unique hair make it clear that this seventh grader is not afraid to express herself. Lotus, a talented violin player, has been granted the opportunity to attend a new, fancy arts school. Lotus does not want to make any waves at her new school, but when boys start behaving unfairly towards her due to her appearance, Lotus has no choice but to speak up for herself and take a stand. The author uses realistic experiences to portray the racism and microaggression that many people have to go through. This book will take you on a journey of hippie vibes, modern tweendom, and learning how to speak up for yourself... even when it's hard.

Awards

Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution was placed on the National Book Award Long List!

The Sweetest Sound and *President of the Whole Fifth Grade* were both selections for Florida's Libraries Sunshine State Young Readers Award!





More about the author...

You can learn more about Sherri Winston from her website:

<https://sherriwinston.com>

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