

## Your Culture My Culture: School Visits With Author Susan Nadathur



**Susan Nadathur** writes young adult multicultural fiction set in Spain and Puerto Rico. A self-proclaimed misfit from Connecticut, Susan is now a full-time author who shares her journey from being bullied to becoming a champion of the outcast through her writing.

Her favorite topic? **Celebrating Differences** “In diversity there is beauty and there is strength.”  
Maya Angelou

**Your Culture My Culture** is a multimedia presentation focusing on the message that **It’s okay to be different. In fact, it is encouraged.**

**The Goal:** to make the cultures and young people from Spain and Puerto Rico come alive through storytelling, music and art.

**The Benefits: this presentation will:**

- provide an enhanced understanding of the youth cultures of Spain and Puerto Rico
- inspire creativity
- encourage reading

**Description:** through selections of music, art, poetry and literature, students will come to understand the nuances of Spanish and Puerto Rican youth culture. Susan starts out with a brief description of her 30-year journey of exploration into the cultures of Spain and Puerto Rico, from living with a family of Spanish Gypsies in Seville to residing for the last twenty years in a small town in Puerto Rico. She then engages in multimedia activities related to her books. *City of Sorrows* tells of a Spanish Gypsy who is forced to face his greatest fears when a Spaniard is not able to let go of his prejudice and allows ethnicity to come before compassion. *Dante’s Kiss* is a dark love story about what happens when the supernatural collides with the natural world, and when being different means challenging what you don’t believe is right about your culture.

If you’d like to invite Susan to your school, please contact her for schedule and pricing.

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## About the Author



**Susan Nadathur** is a widely-traveled writer, teacher, and self-proclaimed “outsider” from Connecticut who now resides in Lajas, Puerto Rico. She loves teen drama and is a fan of the supernatural. A certified Bullying Prevention Specialist, Susan often shares her journey from being bullied to becoming a champion of the outcast through her writing. Any young person who feels pushed to the edge will identify with Susan’s multimedia presentations full of visual props, music, and dynamic images that spark audience participation and inspire hope.

After the writing is done you will see Susan relaxing with a good CW TV series, which will definitely have something to do with ordinary young people involved in extraordinary (and certainly supernatural) experiences. Late at night, you’ll find her blogging about the challenges of being different. By day, she writes fictional stories set in painfully real worlds.

You may connect with Susan on social media at:

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Blog: [LabelMeDifferent.wordpress.com](http://LabelMeDifferent.wordpress.com).

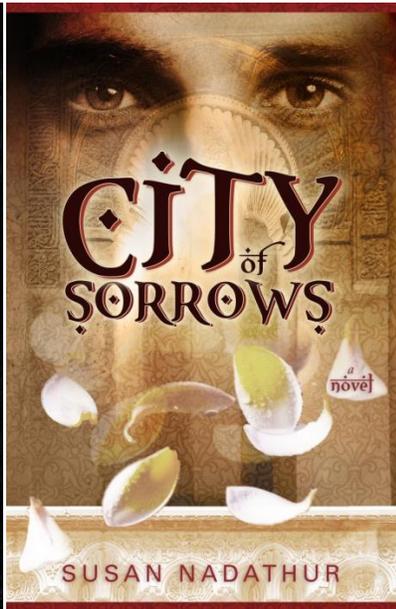
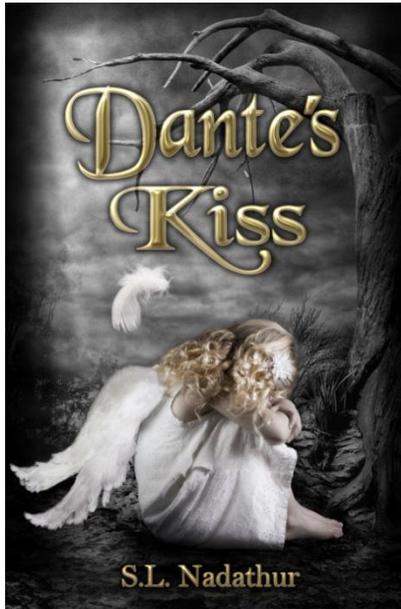
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## Autographed Book Order Form



Dear parents,

Your child will meet visiting young adult author **Susan Nadathur** on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015. She will be sharing the story of how she survived her painful teenage years to become a successful writer focused on young people who are bullied because they are different from their mainstream peers. *City of Sorrows* tells of a Spanish Gypsy who is forced to face his greatest fears when a Spaniard is not able to let go of his prejudice and allows ethnicity to come before compassion. *Dante's Kiss* is a dark love story about what happens when the supernatural collides with the natural world, and when being different is challenging what you don't believe is right about your culture. For full descriptions of these titles go to: [SusanNadathur.com](http://SusanNadathur.com)

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to encourage your child to read!

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## School Visits and Testimonials



### **Bulkeley High School, Hartford, Connecticut (May 20, 2014)**

“Thank you so much for visiting Bulkeley High and addressing our students. They really enjoyed meeting you. For most of them it was their first experience meeting a published author. Your presentation was great, and the kids gained a greater insight into the writing process and the complexities of quality literature.”

“Best of luck with your novel, *Dante’s Kiss*. It is an exciting book. I hope for you, and especially the genre of teen literature, that it is a huge success. The setting of *Dante’s Kiss* has tapped an underrepresented area in young adult literature. Teens around the globe deserve more opportunities to learn about the culture and lives of Puerto Rican teens. Thank you again for generously giving of your time to the students of Bulkeley High School.”

**Timothy Sullivan, Library Media Specialist, Bulkeley High School, Hartford, CT**

### **Wethersfield High School, Wethersfield, Connecticut (June 9, 2015)**

“A captivating presentation. I can’t wait to read *Dante’s Kiss*.”

**Nella Szilagyi, School Librarian, Wethersfield High School, Wethersfield, Connecticut**

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