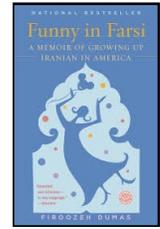


Funny in Farsi: Dutch Treat

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1 PM

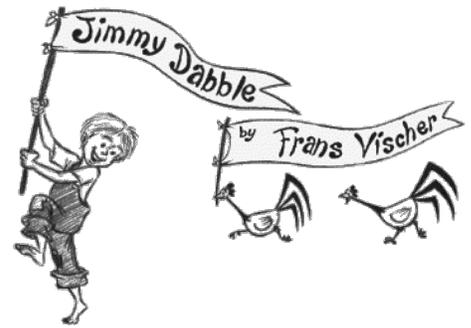
Claremont Library Meeting Room
208 N. Harvard Ave., Claremont



Books available for sale
Refreshments of fine Chinese tea and fortune cookies
Free event

While Firoozeh Dumas, author of *Funny in Farsi*, arrived in the United States at age 7, and attended second grade at Leffingwell Elementary School in Whittier, our January speaker, Frans Vischer arrived from Holland at age 11. Lively and enthusiastic, he found his limited English a real barrier to communicating with teachers, classmates, and neighbors. So he put his artistic skills to work for him as he discovered his ability at quick-sketch helped fill in until he found his words. He went on to become a Disney animator, and has written three children's books, two about his large cat Fuddles, and a middle school book called *Jimmy Dabble*, of which one reviewer wrote:

Yes, adults will love this as much as they loved reading Harry Potter. Get lost in your own childhood all over again. The illustrations could not be more charming. Here, unlike Harry Potter, you are able to easily visualize the character.



Frans Vischer's revelations about coming to live in America will be followed by a discussion of *Funny in Farsi*, On the Same Page's 2016 Community Read selection. We'll share our individual reactions to the book and explore themes of growing up straddling two worlds, the dynamics of Firoozeh's large, extended family, and the role of humor in making her story both accessible and memorable.

Firoozeh Dumas will be coming to Claremont in March for a joint presentation of the Friends of the Claremont Library and Claremont McKenna College.

Please mark your calendars for

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1 PM

at the library meeting room, and

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 6:30 PM

at the CMC Athenaeum

385 E. Eighth St., Claremont.

~~ Both of these events are free and open to the public ~~

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