

Hello everyone!

Thank you so much for being here today. I can't tell you how thrilled I am to see you all at this bookstore, which has always felt like a second home to me. As many of you know, I've spent countless hours hidden between these shelves, both as a daydreaming child and later as an aspiring writer.

I'd like to share a little story about how this all started. Growing up, I was that kid who could disappear into a book for hours. One rainy afternoon, while my friends splashed around in puddles, I found myself tucked away in the corner of this very store, lost in the pages of a novel that opened my eyes to new worlds--one that sparked my imagination and filled me with the desire to create my own.

That day, it wasn't just stories I discovered; it was a sense of belonging, a realization that books could build bridges between fantasy and reality. Every book since then has been a piece of that bridge, leading me here to share my journey with all of you.

And today, standing here, surrounded by the hum of whispers and the scent of paper and ink, I'm reminded of the young dreamer I once was and the dreams I continue to chase. Thank you for joining me on this incredible adventure, for supporting my work, and for sharing your love of stories. Each of you plays a part in the life of these tales, and I am so grateful for your presence today.

Now, I'd love to get to know each of you a little better, hear your stories, and of course, sign some books! Let's make this day one for the books. Thank you!