

New Children’s Mystery Book Seeks to Fill Void in American Education System

“Naji and the mystery of the dig” launches to inspire an interest in cultural diversity through story-telling.

SOLVANG, CA, June 18, 2014 -- *Naji and the mystery of the dig* is a middle-grade mystery novel starring Naji, an 8-year-old Iranian girl. Missing subject matters such as geography, world culture and world history in the American school system’s curriculum inspired author Vahid Imani to write the book to close this gap and introduce children to such subjects. Through Naji’s adventure, Imani takes readers on a tour of Middle Eastern culture, folklore and cuisine and is now available on Amazon in both print and digital format.

Naji and the mystery of the dig begins on a summer morning when Naji wakes up to the unusual sound of three strangers digging in her courtyard. Naji’s sixth sense warned her and, sure enough, the diggers started disappearing down the hole. No one was prepared for what she discovered far below the surface of the courtyard. Not even Naji.

“The American education system has missed the mark on the importance of studying geography and world cultures. It is vital that we supplement our children’s education with books like *Naji and the mystery of the dig* about our world’s various countries and diverse cultures,” said Imani. “It was thrilling to write a book that helps children and adults enjoy moments of commonality between different. Our world becomes more peaceful when we all experience joy together.”

To augment the educational aspect of his mystery novel, Imani has included a study section in the back of the book for parents and educators to encourage children to *dig* for more discoveries. To supplement the book, he has created a website that contains more engaging and educational information about Middle Eastern and Persian culture.

To learn more about *Naji and the mystery of the dig* and Vahid Imani, visit www.najistories.com.

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About the Author

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