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Sharon Robinson to Share Love of Books with Young Readers

Orlando – Sharon Robinson, author of *The Hero Two Doors Down*, based on a true story about her father, Jackie Robinson, and 8-year old Dodgers fan Steve Satlow, joins the Orange County Library System in January for the Sunshine State Author Series. Robinson will conduct a writing workshop for students, a discussion of her work and a book signing.

Robinson is the educational consultant for Major League Baseball, where she manages the character initiative called “Breaking Barriers: In Sports, In Life.” In addition to *The Hero Two Doors Down*, she is the author of children’s sports novels *Safe at Home* and *Slam Dunk!* She has also written several nonfiction books about her father, Jackie Robinson. As part of the Sunshine State Authors Series, Robinson will host a writing workshop for aspiring young writers, ages 9–14, on Wednesday, January 24, 4:30–5:30 p.m. at the Washington Park Branch Library, 5151 Raleigh St. Suite A. She will also discuss and sign *The Hero Two Doors Down* on Thursday, January 25, 7–8 p.m. at the Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Ave. To register, visit www.ocls.info/sunshineseries

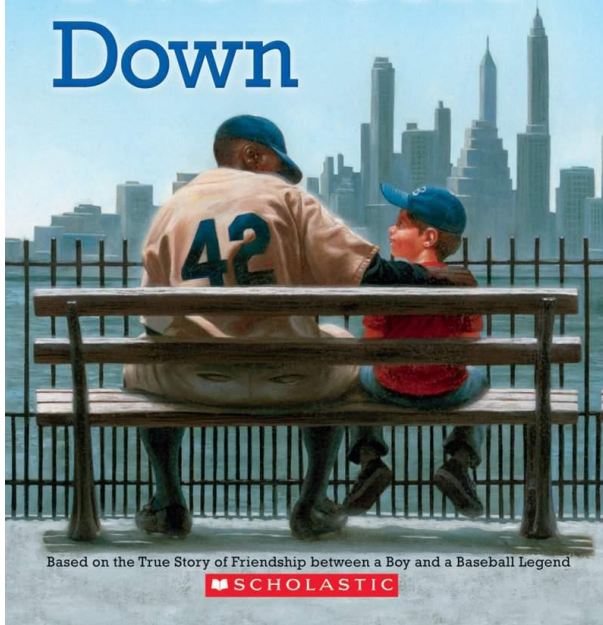
In an interview with library staff, Robinson said that her most important advice to young writers was “to be curious and open to new experiences; stay involved in the world around you; and be persistent in your recordings of your own life, thoughts, fears and dreams. Keep journals, learn from your mistakes, write and rewrite then rewrite some more. Have fun with writing and dig deep for details to bring your story to life. Read everything you can get your hands on.”

The Hero Two Doors Down is included on the 2017–2018 Sunshine State Young Readers Award list for grades 3–5. These events are part of the Sunshine State Author Series, which brings top-notch writers of children’s and young adult literature to Orange County for public readings, writing workshops and visits with students to spark interest in reading. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

The Orange County Library System’s Sunshine State Author Series continues in March with YA author Jeff Zentner.

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The Hero Two Doors Down



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