

## 2019 Fort Worth BookFest Author Interview Series



... with **Shanna Sarsin**, author of *Elephants, Bunnies, & a Headless Giraffe...*

### Where is your favorite place to read?

At the beach or at home.

### What is your favorite book to give an adult or a child?

*Where the Sidewalk Ends*, Shel Silverstein or *Goose Goofs Off (Sweet Pickles)*: Jacquelyn Reinach.

### What books do you return to most often, whether passages or whole?

The Bible, the book of Proverbs.

### Who made reading important to you?

My mother taught me to read before I was five, and as a result, I fell in love with books at an early age. If I could read all day, I would.

### BONUS QUESTION: What is your favorite book set in the southwest?

The classic, *Waiting to Exhale* by Terry McMillan set in Arizona

### Author Bio

Shanna Sarsin is a Shreveport, Louisiana native. Her successful military career, followed by a just as successful career in executive level positions led Shanna to be sought after as a mentor by young women seeking to establish their professional identities and careers. During panel discussions and mentoring relationships, Shanna shared her professional navigation techniques.

In 2015, she was asked to serve as the Chair of a mentoring youth program for girls from impoverished and unstable homes. It was through this venture that she began sharing her personal journey from humble beginnings in the rural outskirts of Shreveport to a place her five year old mind could only imagine, an office with a view in the NW sector of Washington, D.C.

This is when she began to be encouraged to write a book. Realizing her passion for helping others and ability to connect with and inspire widely diverse populations, she decided to take a hand at writing and the result is her debut novel *ELEPHANTS, BUNNIES & A HEADLESS GIRAFFE*, scheduled for release August 2, 2019.

Shanna currently splits her time between Shreveport and Fort Washington, Maryland, and volunteers to promote STEAM, healthy living, and financial empowerment.

**Follow Shanna** for more information on she is up to: [Facebook.com/shannasarsin](https://www.facebook.com/shannasarsin); [Instagram.com/shannasarsin](https://www.instagram.com/shannasarsin); [Twitter.com/@sarsinshanna](https://twitter.com/sarsinshanna)

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**11 AM – 4:30 PM**

**Maddox - Muse Center**

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