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She will be available to speak on "Under the Same Sky" - about the importance of story in promoting cultural understanding and moving beyond tolerance to acceptance in promoting world peace.

Suzanne Fisher Staples is author of several award-winning novels. *Under the Persimmon Tree*, set in Afghanistan, is listed by the International Reading Association as a Notable Book for a Global Society. The Newbery Honor Book *Shabanu Daughter of the Wind* is a story about nomadic camel herders in Pakistan.

Born in Philadelphia, Ms. Staples worked ten years as a news reporter and editor for United Press International in Hong Kong, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, New York, and Washington, DC. She later worked as a foreign news editor for *The Washington Post*. She returned to Pakistan in 1985 to assess the lives of poor rural women on an assignment with the United States Agency for International Development.

She also is author of the novels "*Haveli*," (an American Library Association Notable Book) "*Dangerous Skies*," (also a Notable Book for a Global Society, and "*Shiva's Fire*," a *Publishers Weekly* Best Book.

Born in Philadelphia, she grew up at Chapman Lake, described in her memoir, "*The Green Dog*." She graduated from Lakeland High School, Keystone College, and Cedar Crest College in Allentown.

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