

SHILPA DAVDA

Children's Book Author · Illustrator · Designer
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EDUCATION

Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), Atlanta, GA, MFA in Illustration (Expected 2026)

· Graduate Mentor (Jan 2025–Present) · Library Assistant (Dec 2024–Present)

S. V. S. University — Uttar Pradesh, India. BA in Fashion Design (2021)

London College of Fashion — London, UK. Certificate in Fashion Design (1997)

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Educator's Scholarship, SCAD (2024–Present): Awarded a 50% tuition scholarship for the MFA in Illustration.
- Linda Jane Messerschmid Endowed Scholarship Fund, SCAD (2024): Recognized for excellence in illustration and visual storytelling.
- Honorable Mention, SCAD Artist's Book Competition (Savannah & Atlanta, 2025): Selected among top submissions across the Atlanta and Savannah campuses.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Independent Author & Illustrator (Children's Book Projects — Mumbai & Atlanta | 2008–Present)

- Researched, wrote, illustrated, and designed books blending storytelling, education, and culture.
- Harsh's Underwater Tale (2022): Eco-conscious book + puppet workshop with the Taraporewala Aquarium, Mumbai; featured in U.S. & India events.
- The Story of Ganesha (2008): Illustrated multimedia children's book introducing mythology to global audiences.

Art Director — Asian Cultural Association (ACA) (Orlando, FL | 2008–2023)

- Curated cross-cultural art events, films, and educational workshops.
- Directed Art Endures (2022), a multicultural short film blending classical & modern dance.
- Created Spice (2023), a watercolor series on Indian cuisine, adapted into posters & merchandise.

Illustration and Visual Communication Educator (India | 2000–2024)

- Faculty at Whistling Woods International, ISDI Parsons, UID, and others.
- Taught narrative design, character development, and children's book creation.
- Mentored students in portfolio development for illustration and visual storytelling.

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- Illustrated Fashion history column in the Sunday Midday for a year.
- Influencer, Faber Castell India (2022): Led promotional illustration workshops & digital campaigns.
- Presenter, NIFT Gandhinagar (2020): Published a research paper on a DIY digital stylus for online art education.
- Film Mentor, ACA Film Festival (2020–21): Guided students to win multiple international awards.
- Editorial & Publishing: Illustrated features for Femina, Upper Crust, Sunday Midday, and Afternoon Tabloid.
- Fashion: Created sketchbooks & visuals for designers Abu Jani Sandeep Khosla, Manish Malhotra, Krishna Mehta.
- Branding & Packaging: Illustrated designs for Iora Skincare, Enrich Salons, Vyoom Luxury Store.
- Jewelry & Fashion Marketing: Stylized illustrations for Roma Narsinghani, Minawala, and Nirmal Zaveri.
- Murals & Immersive Design: Digital AR mural for Satva Netralaya; conceptual film illustrations.
- Community Projects: Visual storytelling for women's empowerment initiatives in India & the U.S.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Children's Book Illustration · Visual Storytelling · Editorial Design · Typography & Layout · Concept Art · Narrative Writing for Young Readers · Community-based Creative Projects · Digital & Traditional Media

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Procreate · Adobe Photoshop · Illustrator · Fresco · InDesign · After Effects · Sketchbook · CorelDRAW · CLO 3D