

**26 May 2014**

**1:30pm – 2:20pm**

**Room A302**

**Workshop:           How do you draw inspiration from real life to write humorous fiction**

**Leader:**                 Reenita Hora, Writer

**Discussion:**           <http://todaysmeet.com/wrtrh>



**Abstract**

Best -selling humorist for the New Yorker, David Sedaris, once said "fiction is but somebody else's version of the truth."

How do you draw inspiration from real stories in your life to create exceptional characters in unique situations that are bound to keep your readers chuckling? Hi-jinks, scandals and secrets, anything can provide fodder to create an intriguing work of humorous fiction and the good news is that it happens around you every day. How then do you take an idea from your daily and transform it into a rich and compelling humorous narrative? Do you stick closely to the facts, or embellish freely?

**Biodata**

Reenita Malhotra Hora is a prolific broadcast journalist and writer. Native to Mumbai, she is currently based in Hong Kong where she presents an award-winning storytelling show, *Asian Threads*, on RTHK Radio 3. Reenita is the author of humorous YA novel, *Operation Mom: how I got my mother a life and a man* and bestselling non-fiction book, *Forever Young – Unleashing the magic of Ayurveda*. She has also written *Inner Beauty* and *Ayurveda: The Ancient Medicine of India*. Her other radio journalism work includes *Money For Nothing* and *The 123 Show* at lunchtime on RTHK Radio 3, *The Arts Program* on BBC and *Monocle 24*. As a print journalist, she has contributed to the *South China Morning Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *CNN*, *Asian Investor*, *Times of India*, *Highlights of Children* and *National Geographic Kids*. She has also worked as a story developer for *Cartoon Network Asia* and *Disney*. She is currently working on a personal finance guide for Indian women and another YA novel called '*Arya's Chronicles*', both due to be published in 2015. More information is available at [www.reenita.com](http://www.reenita.com).