

# AMANDA LAPERA

Award-Winning Author |  
Speaker | Educator |  
Mental Health Advocate



## ABOUT AMANDA LAPERA

For thirteen years, Amanda LaPera grew up in the small rural community of Lake Los Angeles, where, much like her characters, she was disappointed to learn there wasn't a lake and everything she planted died. She and her friends survived, buoyed by resilience and determination. Now her hobbies include watching hummingbirds in her yard surrounded by trees, playing board games with her husband, taunting her sons, and appeasing her dogs. She has sworn off succulents, because she believes they belong in the desert.

Amanda LaPera is a national award-winning author. Her book, *Losing Dad, Paranoid Schizophrenia: A Family's Search for Hope*, won a Silver IBPA Award, was a BookLife Prize quarter finalist and a Readers' Favorite Awards finalist. Her sequel *Finding Dad, Paranoid Schizophrenia: An End to the Search* was a finalist in the IAN Book of the Year Awards. She teaches English and is a member of the California Writers Club and the Southern California Writers Association.

Her *Desert of Dreams Series* are standalone stories set during the 1980s and 90s in a small town in the California High Desert. With duplicate timelines, the books weave together a connection of friendship, place, and the courage to overcome. She is currently pivoting towards writing dystopian fiction.

BOOK AMANDA LAPERA | Keynotes •  
Conferences • Panels • Workshops •  
Podcasts • Speeches • Media Interviews

[alapera@adamopress.com](mailto:alapera@adamopress.com)  
[www.amandalapera.com](http://www.amandalapera.com)  
[facebook.com/amandalapera](https://facebook.com/amandalapera)  
[facebook.com/losingdad](https://facebook.com/losingdad)  
IG @DesertStoryteller  
LinkedIn: Amanda LaPera