

Formal Bio

Rosalind Wiseman challenges us to understand the power of dignity to build courage, connection, and community.

She is a speaker, writer, advisor, and thought leader on leadership, culture, conflict, and young people. Currently, she serves as the senior leadership consultant at the US State Department's Office for Overseas Schools which serves over 195 schools throughout the world and is supporting Professor David Yeager at the University of Texas on a forthcoming book on young people and motivation.

She is the author of nine books including the multiple New York Times Best Sellers: *Queen Bees and Wannabes: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends, and the New Realities of Girl World*—the groundbreaking book that was the basis for the movie and Broadway Musical *Mean Girls*, and *Masterminds & Wingmen: Helping Our Boys Cope with Schoolyard Power, Locker-Room Tests, Girlfriends, and the New Rules of Boy World*, which was awarded Best Parenting Book by Books for a Better Life. Her ninth book, published by Chronicle Books in the fall of 2022 with co-author Shanterra McBride, is *Courageous Discomfort: How to Have Brave, Life Changing Conversations about Race and Racism*. She is currently revising *Queen Bees & Wannabes* for a 4th edition to be published in 2024 in time for the 20th anniversary of *Mean Girls*.

Rosalind also co-founded Cultures of Dignity, an organization that partners with communities to reimagine how to bring dignity and social and emotional learning to all.

National media regularly depends on Wiseman's expertise on principled leadership, conflict, youth culture, parenting, and bullying prevention. She has been profiled in or written for The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, the Chicago Tribune, The Washington Post, and USA Today, among others. Wiseman is a frequent guest on national media like the Today Show, CNN, Good Morning America, and NPR affiliates throughout the country. She has spoken to audiences throughout the United States and abroad including South by Southwest, Microsoft, UBS, The Royal Society for the Arts, the Association for the Advancement of International Education, the Game Developers Conference, the American Association of School Administrators, and at the White House many times across administrations.

Rosalind is a native of Washington DC and spent most of her life there. She now lives in Boulder, Colorado.

Shortened Bio for Younger Audiences

Rosalind Wiseman is committed to learning and living her life according to the principles she believes in, which include admitting when she's wrong, laughing at herself, and acknowledging that young people are the experts of what it's like growing up today. She has written eight books about high school and middle school life, one of which, *Queen Bees and Wannabees*, was the

basis for the movie and musical, *Mean Girls*, and all of which were edited and critiqued by young people.

Rosalind travels the world speaking on the complexity of leadership, culture, and managing conflict in schools, corporations, and governments. Rosalind is ambitious and has had a lot of professional success, but she has also had her share of disappointments. Rosalind was rejected by her first choice of university yet still had an amazing experience at the college she did attend. She started a non-profit for young people when she was 22 and had to work hard to be taken seriously by policy and educational experts. These experiences led her on the path that brings her here today - recognizing the importance of young people's voices and a determination to bring more dignity into our relationships with each other.