



# *Pieces of Another World*

By Mara Rockliff

Illustrated by Salima Alikhan

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*“Pieces of Another World is a heart-warming story that will educate and excite children to watch the sky and encourage parents to observe with their children.”*

*- National Space Society*

*“The author weaves scientific fact and information into the story with so little effort that readers hardly realize they are learning while reading this endearing story.”*

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*“The colorful illustrations by Salima Alikhan are large, well drawn and detailed. They give the reader a sense of being there looking at the night sky.” - Science Books & Films*



## Come along with Jody and her father

on a magical, mysterious excursion into the night world in *Pieces of Another World*. With simple, lyrical prose and lovingly evocative watercolor illustrations, this warm family story brings to life the joy and wonder of a child’s first meteor shower. The perfect blend of nature, science, and imagination, *Pieces of Another World* will delight any reader who has gazed into the nighttime sky with awe.

*Pieces of Another World* was vetted for scientific accuracy by the NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center and the Columbia University Department of Astronomy. Children, parents, and teachers will love the **“For Creative Minds”** educational section that includes:

- [Five steps to a fantastic meteor-watching party, with a recipe for comet cookies](#)
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## About the Author and Illustrator



**Mara Rockliff** has been a professional writer for children and adults since 1991. Her own favorite meteor shower was one she watched with a group of friends on a bitterly cold night. They threw a pile of old blankets on the ground and huddled close together, telling jokes and singing songs as they stared up at the night sky, afraid to blink and miss one of those tiny bits of distant worlds as they blazed into our own. Mara lives in Blacksburg, VA, with her family. *Pieces of Another World* is her first picture book.

**Salima Alikhan** decided to pursue a career in children's book illustration when she realized her lifelong passion for art would never leave her alone. Salima studied at the Corcoran Institute of Art in Washington, DC and currently resides in Reston, VA. She teaches art at a private school and continues to paint in the DC area. Like Mara, *Pieces of Another World* is Salima's first picture book.



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