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Farah Oomerbhoy

Prize-winning debut

"WHEN I first published my book for free on Watt pad, I never imagined that it would go on to win awards, and become an international bestseller," said debutant author **Farah Oomerbhoy**, whose 'The Last of the Firedrakes,' has been nominated for The Benjamin Franklin Award 2016 under the Teen Fiction (13-18 years) category. The author, who confesses to reading at least 3-4 books simultaneously, depending on her mood and time of day said, "Most of the books I am reading at the moment are fantasy. Right now, I'm addicted to **Sarah J Mass'** Throne of Glass series, and am on the fourth book in the series, *Queen of Shadows*."

As for critics within the family she said only her eldest son **Raheem** (10) has read the book, and "can't wait for book 2 to come out." "**Rayyan** (8) and **Inaara** (4) are still too young to read it," she said, adding, "but they have heard the story and love it. All of them know that I am busy working on book 2 and they frequently ask me what is going to happen next."

Nice!