

## AUTHOR SONIA LEVITIN VISITS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Author Sonia Levitin spoke at Charlotte Country Day School on April 26 as part of the Blumenthal Multicultural Resource Center Grant (guest speaker series). She gave a presentation to the entire Middle School on Bissell Campus, followed by a presentation to 250 students from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, who traveled to CCDS for the assembly in the Gorelick Family Theater.



A Jewish author whose family left Germany for Brazil in 1934, Ms. Levitin talked about genocide from the Holocaust to present day problems in Sudan. Ms. Levitin is the author of many books, but in particular, her talk focused on the novel *Dream Freedom*, which is about the refugees in Sudan and the harsh realities of modern-day slavery. This novel is based on Ms. Levitin's experience with Barbara Vogel and her fifth-grade students who started an organization to stop slavery today. Ms. Levitin's other books are *The Return*, *Journey to America*, *The Cure*, and *Room in the Heart*.

After her presentation, Ms. Levitin attended a luncheon with a group of 22 Middle School students in grades 5–8.