Joy Saxton and The Far Away Land

Joy Saxton, author, illustrator and puppeteer, is on a mission to teach children to love one another and to love the world. Joy has worked with children passionately for over 25 years, beginning on a two-time national award-winning kids TV show she anchored at the age of 8 years old, for 10 years, called *Kids TV Express*. She trained at the Eugene O’Neill National Theater Institute, taught for Page Parkes Talent Agency and then started an after-school program in West U called the *Joy Kids Studio* teaching young children to make movies.

In Joy’s book series she travels, with her mother, to different countries and shares her real-life adventures through storytelling and puppet shows in vulnerable communities and schools across Houston, including detention centers, parks, Ronald McDonald House, Star of Hope Homeless Shelter, Children’s Museum of Houston, Woodlands Children’s Museum, Kendra Scott Stores, CASA, and the Houston Public Library. Joy is partnered with Young Audiences of Houston, Artreach and Arts Connect.

Joy’s book series began with her first book, “Joy and the Far Away Land,” inspired by her childhood travels to Russia and Ukraine. As one of 15 Americans selected to perform in the play “Peace Child” during the Cold War era, Joy’s experiences formed the basis of this true story, focusing on her adventures in a new land and her deepening friendship with a Russian boy named Sergey. This book was chosen to be a part of the My Home Library with the Barbara Bush Literacy Foundation. Joy next released “Joy Goes to Mexico” and then “Joy Goes to Paris” and is currently working on “Joy Goes to Egypt”.

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