

KSP Diaries: In conversation with Payal Kapadia

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SUMMARY

File Kapadia, an award-winning children's author, shares her journey from aspiring writer to published author during a candid conversation. She discusses her debut book, "Wish I Was a Writer," which won the prestigious Crossword Award, and her latest project, "Horrid Heights," set in a challenging school environment.

- *File Kapadia's debut book won the Crossword Award, a significant achievement for a debut author.*
- *She studied at St. Xavier's College in Mumbai and pursued further education, which influenced her writing journey.*
- *The idea for her first book emerged during a reflective period while managing her responsibilities as a mother.*
- *Kapadia emphasizes the importance of taking action to pursue one's dreams, stating that simply wishing to be a writer isn't enough.*
- *She faced challenges like writer's block but remained committed to her goal of writing.*
- *The publishing process was daunting, but she received encouragement from a major publishing house, leading to her first book's completion.*
- *Her experiences highlight the blend of personal and professional challenges in the life of a writer.*

[Music] we're going to be in a candid chat today with file kapadia the fantastic award-winning author and writes for children slightly while she's on gifts go fresco if you have any questions Oh fire then please tweet or Facebook us on handle is at kids top dress and before I introduce file with a couple of people who are joining us today one is

Sunnah class and the other is Sweetie in Sri Lanka pretty insana thank you so much for joining us today a fire as we all know is an award-winning author her first book debut last year which is called wish I was a writer like at that correct almost wish I was a writer okay Musha was a writer and fire won the prestigious crossword award last year for be children's book I think it's the first time this coveted award went to a

Tim writer so let's all clap for that book thank you earlier this fire earlier this year philos who wrote a biography on BR Ambedkar and have it here a flash sign up for everyone ok what and now she is here with also her for our second so this is part 1 and part 2 comes out same time next year this is whoring Heights an adventure set in the world's most horrid school ok and before we get into more we file on her books

and managing her life as an author and mom of two is very important for all of us to know that file studied at st. Xavier's College in Mumbai and then she went on to stuff degree so you have to let me read Oh angel

clothing sting his file has traveled um what is it and hello

Ali if you all win and I was off the job down because I

feel 104 big obstacles we only people come is our self you to say that I'm gonna do a masters and

put you first akhiya what tipping point that's it yeah I got back I had a sudden and then I had

to take effective come from a full-time job and I had a lot of time wave of my hand for these long naps and that's when it started it value will all these conversations I have with myself around me want to be a writer I want to be a writer before you want to be right or you have to write and so finally I decided it means become a permanent it is meant to be um an interim period I

would forget it sure in life and right foot but instead all of a sudden I think the powerful stuff in my life and that's when I just picked up that pea nor in that sense I opened up the word document on my computer my daughter was taken a nap and that's when the first half of wish by merged we merged basically it's vital I thought of her name first and if you babe Fisher was a writer again and

again I was the right here it was a writer I was a writer if / wishing she was a tighter and her story and my story in that since August if it has a word document we are sitting oh yes and then not like on a one goal and she decided today I'm gonna be a writer the focus of this i think you followed over it manhood for a very long time in my word of it quite forgotten and

only halfway at the point where which one hits the writer's block oh she can your girl once more than anything else in the world to be a writer whereas out and she it's the writer's block so when she gets right as well she has no clue he said I was and so I this for document stating what all about it and he feels later decided to knock straight porn paintings on I guess you I guess I

it was not unambitious at all so i expended normal as it was of the largest publishing house in the world on their website it said off your manual contact you today on if you don't contact you at all even that's fair game not supposed to ask again oh I'll all the partying or thurs we're still holding on to that square end it out send it out we won't know do you send it out you know what at some point you have

to bite the bullet if you have to figure out you have what it takes right or not it's not enough to talk about it not enough just is someday I'm gonna do it at some day has to be by basic dump this out and within 10 minutes I get an email from the chief commissioner I say you can I have your tariff number I know she's calling me my heart is in my mouth everything inside my head is and

founding and she says where's the other half of the book though I said not on paper and she said so it's in your head and I said oh it's not in my hairy girl how far back did you write this X that's six months ago so sick snores ago and then she says if you write it in the next one month we run it and for me that was the ultimate feeling the fact that there was a conscious publishing house

in the world it had Putin good that was all I needed me nice i was quite a new big time that i want to be
frightened i was probably on the right path [Music]