SARAH THANKAM MATHEWS

"Mathews is simultaneously hilarious, tender and meaningful." —Los
Angeles Times

**Sarah Thankam Mathews grew up between Oman and India, immigrating to the
United States at seventeen. Her work tackles big questions with pragmatism, and
Entertainment Weekly calls her a "new literary star."**

Sarah's first novel, *All This Could Be Different*, was a 2022 National Book Award
Finalist, shortlisted for the 2022 National Book Award and the 2022 Discover Prize,
nominated for the Aspen Literary Prize, and was named one of the Best Books of 2022
by NPR, *Vulture*, *Harper's Bazaar*, and more. Her novel was also a *Los Angeles Times*
Top 5 Fiction Books of the Year, one of *TIME* and *Slate*'s Top 10 Books of the Year, and
was called "One of the buzziest, most human novels of the year" by *Vogue*.

Formerly a Rona Jaffe Fellow in fiction at the Iowa Writer's Workshop, and a Margins
Fellow at The Asian American Writers Workshop, Sarah's work has appeared in *The
New York Times*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *SSENSE*, *Lux Magazine*, *Best American Short Stories
2020*, *The Kenyon Review*, *Barrelhouse*, the *Juggernaut*, and *Autostraddle*.

In 2020, Sarah founded Bed-Stuy Strong, a mutual aid network and online community
created in response to the COVID-19 crisis with the belief that every person deserves to
have their survival needs met. From March 2020 until June 2021, Bed-Stuy Strong built
and maintained a grassroots COVID-19 food security operation to attempt to address
some fraction of the skyrocketing community need around hunger. Their work supported
28,000 people in Central Brooklyn with a week's supply of home-delivered groceries,
and it raised and redistributed the equivalent of $1.3M in grassroots crowdsourced
donations back into the community.

Sarah is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Iowa Writers'
Workshop.