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Dear Readers.

When I started this magazine, I never thought that we would come so far in our literary journey. We met so many amazing self-published authors and readers who surprised me with their extraordinary imaginations. Now

I proudly say that we came up with our 12th edition, and where a year has gone, I didn't even realize. This whole year of lockdown is very tough for all of us, but you all made my year full of memories and new achievements month by month. I want to thank each one of you, every reader, author, and our social media followers, you all played an important role in the success of KidlioMag Magazine. You all inspired and encouraged me at every point in time.

To everyone who has been a part of this journey, I wholeheartedly thank you and express my gratitude.

Happy Easter

Dhruvin Dharmendra

Tacardra B. Rountree

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I am a native of Augusta, Georgia. I am an author, inspirational speaker, and educator. I have my Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from Fort Valley State University (Fort Valley, Georgia) and my Master of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, Minnesota). I have published two books. My second book, Hello Queen is my first children's book. I enjoy traveling, public speaking, and liturgical dancing.

Q: How and when did your journey started as a writer?

My journey started when I was in the 11th grade. I had to write a poem about myself for a literature assignment. I was then encouraged by a local librarian to submit my poem into a writing contest and it was published in the Fall 1996 Edition of Treasured Poems of America.

Q: When did you write your first story? Is it published or not?

My first published work is the poem, "I Am An African Queen." It was published in the Fall 1996 edition of Treasured Poems of America. I later included the poem in my first book, Writings From Down Through the Years, which is a collection of inspirational poetry and readings.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

seek to encourage and inspire others with my heartfelt words. I also want to increase the percentage of children's books with African/African-American characters.

Q: Why do you choose kids as your reader? Is there any specific reason?

I want to encourage children to have a love for reading and learning at an early age. I also think that it is important for children to see themselves represented in the books they read.

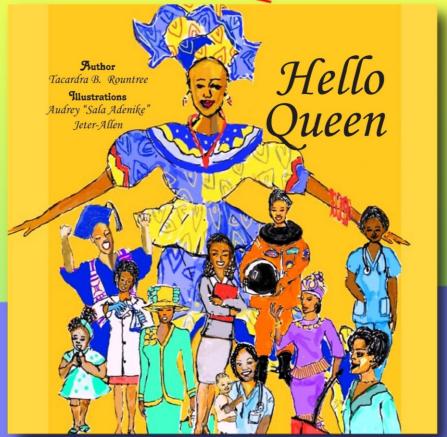
Q: How did these stories and characters come to your mind?

I write about my life experiences. I want to always motivate others and honor my heritage through my writings.

Q: Do you want to give any message for your readers?

The Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary defines passion as a strong feeling of enthusiasm or excitement for something or about doing something. My passion is sharing positive messages through poetry, books, and speeches. I encourage you to find your passion. Once you find your passion, you will have the key to success in your life of the life o

Hello Queen



Name: Hello Queen

Author: Tacardra B. Rountree

Illustrator: Audrey "Sala Adenike" Jeter-Allen

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Hello Queen is a poetic portrayal of what a Queen represents - beauty, intelligence, determination and more.

It is an affirmation and reminder that there is a Queen in each of us regardless of your age or profession. Through beautiful paintings and graphic illustrations, readers are able to learn about African culture. Young girls and women will be able to boldly say, I am a Queen!

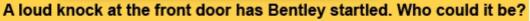
Illustrations are Available on fineartamerica.com (Sala Adenike Shop)

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New Release The Adventures of Sentley Hippo

Inspiring Children to be Patient /





An excited Jaxon, rambles on not making any sense. Racing ahead pointing in the distance, Bentley follows this silly monkey. A large crowd has gathered making it impossible for Jaxon to see what the fuss is all about. Sprinting to the front of the line, Jaxon is stopped and directed to the back of the line by the ticket agent. Frustrated, Jaxon looks around, waiting for the right moment. Determined, he makes a mad dash.

Website: https://bentleythehippo.com



Argyro Graphy was born and raised in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Kindness, respect, love, gratitude, appreciation, and family were the values she was taught growing up. Bullying was a part of her life that she never spoke of, never shared, and hoped many times, would just go away and be forgotten. Those memories remain within her. As the years passed, she observed children feeling a sense of entitlement and feeling superior to others. Bullying soon replaced the very values she was taught. Knowing firsthand the scars and effects this had on her, she was determined to find a way to teach children that, although some find bullying funny, the long-term effects could be quite damaging if not addressed early on. She found that way when she created Bentley the Hippo. At the start of her journey as an author, she experienced a life-changing trauma when a routine eye procedure robbed her of her sight overnigh, but even with her new daily struggles she never quit. Through writing, she has found

a way to pass on her message to children. Bentley is Argyro's inner voice and her goal is to build him to become recognized as the one who made a difference in all of us and in the world.

To help children on the right path, she launched Appreciation Journals to help children start and end each day with gratitude. Every day features an affirmation to help build self-esteem, boost self-confidence and be kind not only to others but to themselves (available in 7 languages)

When asked what plans she has for Bentley, she replied "I don't have plans for Bentley, he has plans for me, but all will include kindness to our environment/planet, to animals, to each other and to ourselves."

Argyro uses her adept marketing skills to promote not only her own books but works from other authors as well





CHELSEA CHISOM ONYIRIUKA

Q: What inspired you to write a book?

When I was 4, I was in preschool and a girl in my class bullied me. She was talking about my skin. It was extremely exciting, when I first got my and the texture of my hair. It hurt my feelings and made me sad. I went home and shared with my mom what happened, because my mom loves to write stories and publish books, she decided to help me share my story in a book; I titled, "Beauty and Me". It empowers me to know Q: What does black excellence mean to you? that "I am Beautiful, Loved and Important." I want all boys and girls around the world to also Extraordinary, wonderful, powerful, beautiful, know they are Beautiful, loved, and important!

Q: What are some of your goals for the Q: What role did you, your mother, or women

want to write more books, educate my peers and other children through **EpicPreneurs** program. They will become their own CEO while creating a brand. We will show them how they can collect silver coins, even travel the United States and the world to sightsee, enjoy, learn, and do Humanitarian

Q:What take away message do you want children around the world to know?

I want them to know that they are not too young to be their OWN boss. They can become a business owner with the help of their parents and decide to available at

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Q: As an Author how did it feel to publish your first book, and to see others buy it?

book, I jumped up for joy seeing the book in person was amazing. It made me happy to see others buy it because my message was now in other people's homes.

strong, and energizing,

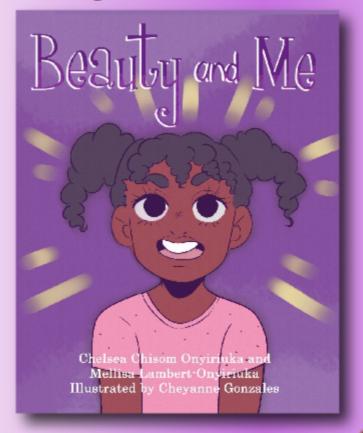
in your family play in your success of becoming a Kidpreneur and writer?

My mom is my manager who helps me create my story, publish my books, and market my brand. She lives by example as a businesswoman herself. She shows me what success looks like and I am happy that I have a mom like her.

Visit us at www.chelseaonyiriuka.com

BEAUTY AND ME

Mother and Daughter Duo On their Enterprenurial journey

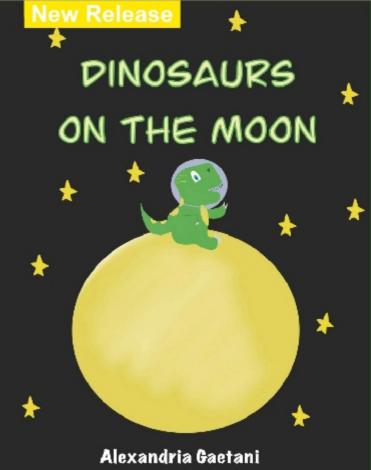


Chelsea Chisom Onyiriuka Mellisa Lambert-Onyiriuka

In the world today, so many kids find it difficult to make friends due to the issues of teasing, bullying, and so many other problems accompanied with it. Beauty and Me will help kids realize their inner

beauty, maximize their potential, and also reach for their dreams. Within the pages of Beauty and Me, are powerful reminders to young girls and boys that they are all worthy of happiness and most of all, love. Beauty and Me also teaches children about the power of self love, self confidence, and love for all human beings. Finally, there is also a strong call to end bullying, in schools across the nation, and around the world. Join the Movement "Stop Bullying and Start Loving".

Visit her mom at www.MellisaLambert.com.



Alexandria Gaetani

Children's book author, Alexandria Gaetani, is a wife and mother, living with her family in New Jersey. She released her first book "Little Bug Stuck At Home" illustrated by her daughter to help kids deal with the isolation and loneliness caused by living in the pandemic and in quarantine this past year. Recently, she announced the release of her newest book "Dinosaurs on the Moon" which follows the story of a young dinosaur living on the Moon, a strange place to call home. Inspired by the new normal of home schooling, virtual learning, and wearing masks in the classroom, "Dinosaurs on the Moon" is a light hearted read, perfect for kids and families of all ages. Will Tank the T-Rex ever get used to wearing his silly, ginormous, very annoying helmet?

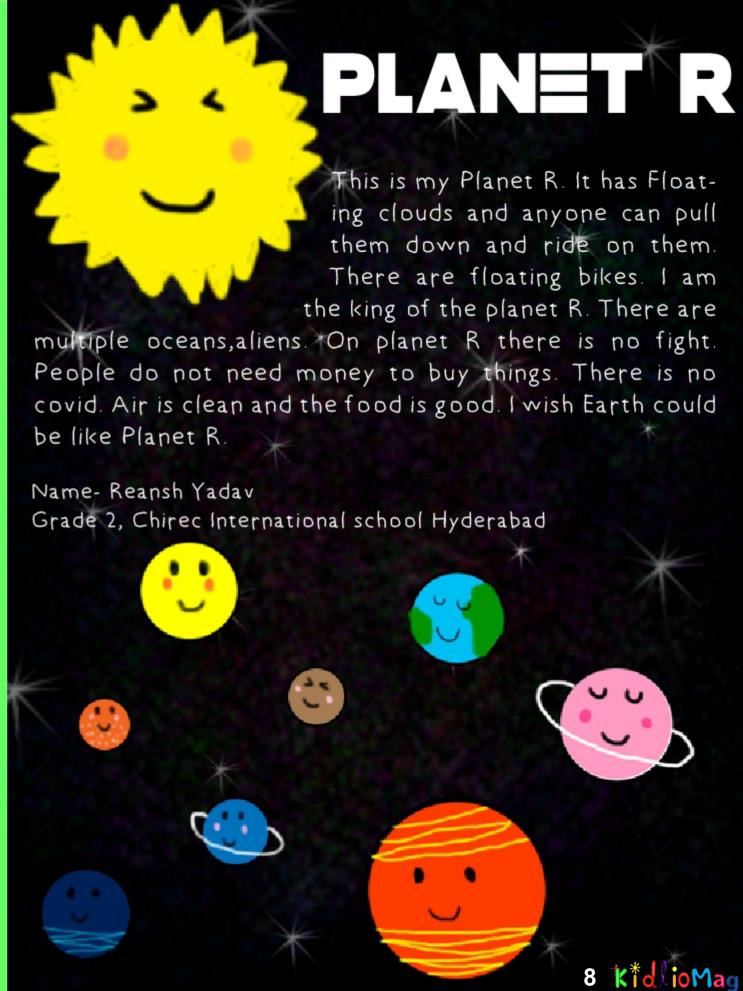
Dinosaurs on the Moon

Dinosaurs... on the Moon? Everyone knows the story of the dinosaurs. Or is there more to the story that has been kept a secret for millions of years?!

Tank the T-Rex is a young, sassy, and loveable dinosaur that is ready to share with you the secret story that nobody knows. A story about dinosaurs and what exactly happened after the "big event" that made them leave planet Earth. Tank was born and raised in this new land among other dinosaurs. He is happy to make some new friends when he goes to school, but will he ever get used to wearing that huge space helmet?

A light hearted and funny tale about a modern day dinosaur who learns about adapting to change in a scary new world. Perfect for kids of all ages! A fun read for students to relate to during virtual learning, homeschooling, and the new normal of wearing face masks during school.





Author Interview

Ms. Terri Johnson

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

My name is Terri Johnson. I was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, USA. I am the daughter of the Most High, a mama to two young adult children, a pet parent to an adoptive cat, a sassy Yorkie and a mischievous red-ear slider turtle \(\mathbb{L} \). Also, this year I will celebrate 25 years as a social worker, a profession that has shaped me personally, professionally and that I love enormously! I'm a lover of the arts: music, dance, visual etc.

Q: How and when your journey started as a writer?

As a child, I kept an "ideas book" that I wrote my thoughts, dreams, stories and plans

that I keep until this day. I had been told by a journalist of an independent newspaper that I had a "real talent for raw storytelling" that I should pursue, but I lacked confidence and didn't believe him. However, writing is like my therapy, and it brings me great joy.

Q: When did you write your first story? Is it published or not?

I started writing what my friend, Michelle, calls TJ-isms (my ideas and quirky sayings) and poems that's a combination of my observations, life experiences as a black woman, mama, lover and as a mental health clinician, that are "poem-like," almost 13 years ago, titled, "Voices of the Unheard...." But I haven't felt compelled to birth it into the world yet, so it is still unpublished. Over my 20 plus years of working with beautiful spirits and living for almost 50 years on this earth, I have witnessed and heard some of the most horrible things humanity can do to itself.

I decided to finally share with a larger group of people ways to prevent some of the atrocities that happen, so we don't keep healing from trauma, but preventing it in the first place! So, I, finally, betted on Terri and self-published April 2020 what I call my "heart work" of the past 20 plus years, Body Safety Zones (BSZ) and Body Safety Zones (BSZ) activity and coloring books.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

I believe being proactive is the way to go or as I call it, "prevention OVER intervention!" So, I wrote a children's book about "body safety zones" to bring about awareness and education to children 8 years or younger to prevent child abuse, exploitation and/or trafficking! Ms. B. Persistent is a school social worker that delights in teaching her students, BSZ kidz in her wellness class ways to protect themselves by being assertive, informed and empowered with knowledge about their rights and agency of their bodies regardless of with whom they may interact. It is written in a way that is fun despite the seriousness of the subject matter or perceived level of difficulty for many to tackle. I want it to be a

tool for people that really love and care about the well-being of our most precious and invaluable

gifts...our children! It highlights internet safety, teaches self-empowerment and self-advocacy without being so obvious in its delivery!

Q: Why do you choose kids as your reader? is there any specific reason?

The 1st page in my book includes the following quote by Frederick Douglass and expresses best why I choose children as my audience, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." As a society we cannot afford to continually "get back" to our children! We must prevent tragedies and traumas like abuse, neglect, exploitation, trafficking from happening to them, and my children's book, Body Safety Zones (BSZ) is my way of contributing to the prevention through awareness.



"Every child deserves to be loved, protected, safe, and cared for by the adults in their lives!"

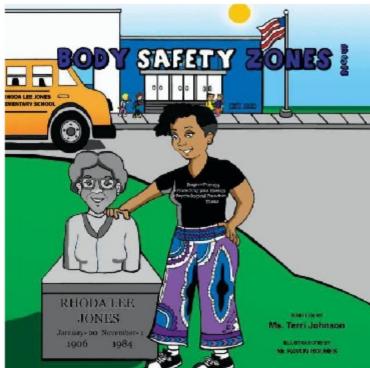
Q: How did these stories and characters come to your mind?

Body Safety Zones (BSZ) reflects the work I do with children in Baltimore City to teach them about permission, consent, etc. I wasn't the most original when I came up with the characters, lol! The BSZ kidz are names or nicknames of my own children and children in my life. Ms. B. Persistent is a play on my company's motto, "Persistence is the WAY" and a subtle empowerment message to all to be persistent in whatever they do and never give up!

Q: Do you want to give any message for your readers?

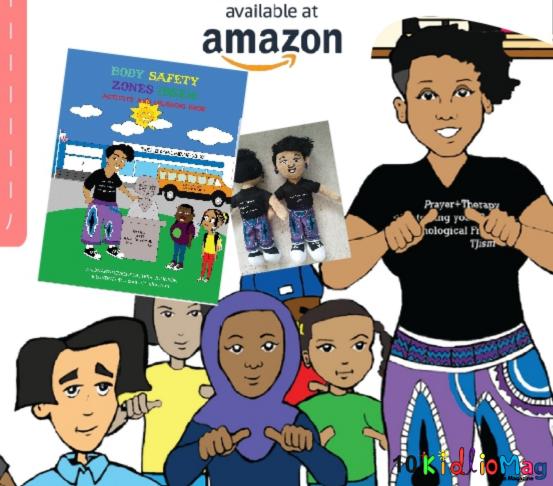
Firstly, I want to thank my readers for being proactive and loving children so much that they're willing to teach them, early, about their body safety zones, for normalizing it so it wouldn't be a weird thing to talk about! I want to encourage them to spread the word about body safety zones (bsz) so we can make it a movement that states the message clearly, "we will no longer tolerate a reactive or laisser-faire stance when it comes to the protection and well-being of our precious babies!" Lastly, to encourage them to share their story and/or ideas because there

are so many people in this world that need to hear from them!



Website: www.persistenceistheway.com

Books, and more available for purchase on: https://www.etsy.com/shop/PersistenceistheWAY



BODY SAFETY ZONES

April is awareness month for Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness! It is my goal to prevent abuse from according! I truly believe there is no reason our children have to have high ACE (adverse childhood experiences) scores or receive intervention for abuse/exploitation or trafficking when teaching them their body safety zones, internet safety, self-advocacy, and self-empowerment is a powerful tool of prevention! "PREVENTION over INTERVENTION!"

Ok, friends let's say the Body Safety
Zone motted Remember, we have to
say it with serious facial expressions
and firm voices to let the person
know we mean what we say!

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PETER THE PICKY POLAR BEAR BY KIESHIA CHUN

Peter's mummy, his daddy and even his teacher have tried to get Peter to eat his fish, but he has made up his mind. Peter has had a very good look, and he definitely does not like fish. This beautifully simple story will encourage the pickiest of eaters to keep an open mind when there's a new food to try! The fun activity page and comprehension questions at the end of the story will promote discussion with your child and encourage understanding.

Adorable illustrations and an uncomplicated narrative will make Peter the Picky Polar Bear a firm favourite with young children.

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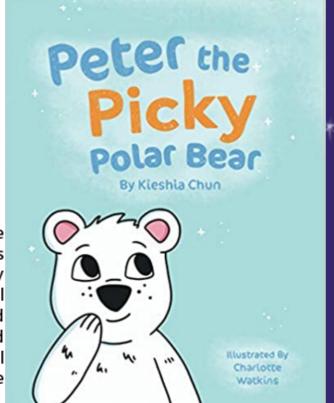


Since turning her passion into a profession, Kieshia has written prolifically and is constantly exploring new themes, genres and ideas. Aside from writing, she is a full-time mother to her four boys, and she's never happier than when she sits

down at her desk putting the opening words to a

new book or story on paper.





Imagination...a bird,

It takes you to a world unknown,

To believe as if it were known...

Imagination...an empty canvas,

It takes you to emotions hidden deep,

To make an impression so complete...

Imagination...a kaleidoscope,

It takes you through a swirl of dimensions,

To ponder on your secret inhibitions.

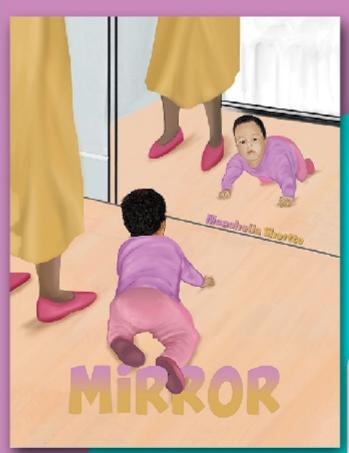
Imagination...an ocean,

It takes you by the waves of uncertainty

To settle on a shore of creativity.

By Neha Sama





For younger children, the book Mirror captures the beautiful, magical moment that is the discovery of self, self in all its splendid wonder.

For the older child, Mirror promotes the ever-elusive but all-important self-acceptance, the kind that leads to genuine self-esteem. And for parents, Mirror reflects the love for their child, a love that is pure and unconditional.

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ACTIVITY
Find the differences between the two pictures

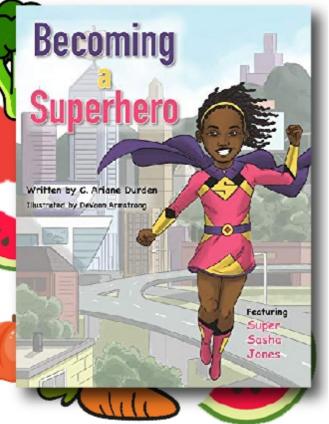




BECOMING A SUPERHERO

Becoming a Superhero is a fun and innovative book to encourage kids to eat healthily and exercise to fight childhood obesity. Becoming a Superhero is a fantasy book that uses southern charm and a cast of multicultural characters to encourage children to eat superfoods and become "superheroes!" It has an impressive superhero theme. Through fantasy, Super Sasha Jones along with a cast of multicultural characters takes you on a thrilling adventure to Peach City in search of the superhero recipe. Both girls use different tactics to discover it. With a surprise ending, the kids discover which tactic works.

Becoming a Superhero is a must-have book for all kids who want to learn how to become superheroes. Mr. Lee Haney, an 8 times Mr.Olympia states, "Featuring super kids as "Superheroes eat the rainbow!" captures the imagination of children in a way that leaves a lifelong impact on the way they approach making healthy nutritional choices." It is a must-have book for all parents and educators who want to encourage healthy lifestyles and values in kids of all





C. Ariane Durden is a nutrition educator and author who has spent the last decade advocating good nutrition and exercises as means to fight childhood obesity. Her debut fantasy book is Becoming a Superhero, which uses southern charm and a cast of multicultural characters to encourage children to eat superfoods and become "superheroes." Becoming a Superhero is dedicated to raising a healthier generation of kids by encouraging them to eat healthily and make healthy lifestyle choices to solve the problem of childhood obesity.

Ariane was inspired by First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! Initiative! while studying nutrition in Dr. Cotwright's class at the University of Georgia in 2014. She earned her B.S. degree in Family and Consumer Sciences in 2015. Since that time, she began to look for ways to motivate kids to eat healthily and exercise in fun and different ways. She thought of a way to use the food rainbow to encourage kids to eat superfoods to gain superpowers and a storyline to encourage activity. Thus, Becoming a Superhero was born in 2019. The copyright, edits, and illustrations were completed in 2020. Topped by food rainbows, her two trademarks--Superheroes eat the rainbow! and Superkids eat the rainbow! are being registered.

Ariane is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Southern Breeze Branch. She loves staying active, whether that's traveling on a cruise or exercising near her home in College Park, renamed South Fulton, Georgia. She is dedicated to improving children's nutrition one plate at a time.

You can follow the adventures of Super Sasha Jones at www.supersashajones.com

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BOOK RECOMMENDATION

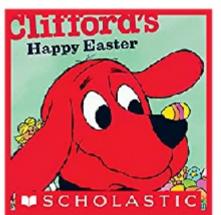
Book Name: Clifford's Happy Easter

Author: Norman Bridwell

Publisher: Scholastic Inc.

Pages: 32 pages

Description: Clifford loves to help Emily Elizabeth, but his big red paws break eggs instead of painting them. Luckily, Clifford helps Emily another way—in her dreams! A bucket of Easter-egg dye creates the most colorful Clifford adventure yet, and gets Emily ready for an unforgettable holiday.





Book Name: Peppa's Easter Egg Hunt

Publisher: Ladybird

Pages: 16 pages

Description: This board storybook featuring Peppa and George is perfect for sharing with little Peppa Pig fans and makes the ideal gift this Easter! It's Easter time and Grandpa Pig has organized a special Easter Egg hunt. But Peppa Pig and her friends find more than chocolate eggs at the end of the garden. . .

Look out for more Peppa Pig books from Ladybird including: Peppa's Muddy Festival, Peppa The Mermaid and Peppa Pig: Easter Egg

Book Name: We're Going on an Egg Hunt

Author: Laura Hughes

Publisher: Bloomsbury Children's Books

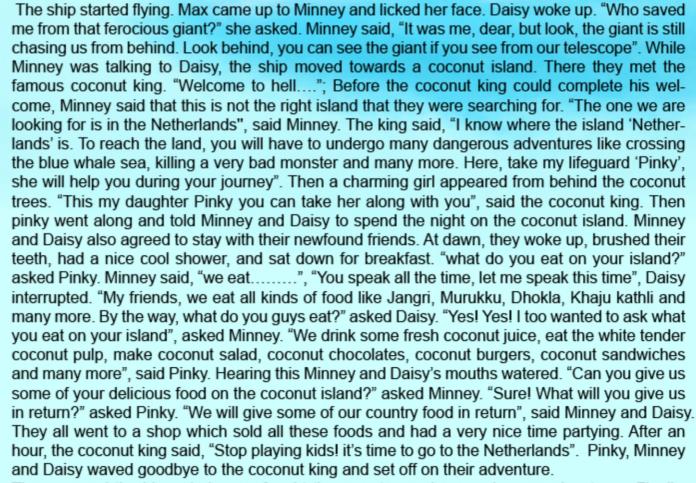
Pages: 22 pages

Description: Join the Easter bunnies as they set off on an exciting lift-the-flap Easter egg hunt. With ten eggs to find and count, this board book is great fun. But watch out for the obstacles along the way - lambs, chicks, bees and ducks - and there's even a wolfish surprise, so do take care. Based on the traditional 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt' rhyme, the delightful illustrations and read-aloud story will make this board book a huge spring-time hit with all fans of search-and-find and lift-the-flap books



THE TRIP TO NETHERLANDS

Once upon a time, there were two treasure hunters, Minney and Daisy. They were good friends. One day while they were hunting for treasure on their magical ship, suddenly they felt something moving behind. "How strange!" said Minney. "Yeah" said Daisy, turning around in amazement. It was their puppy Max. The puppy spoke in a strange language that Minney and Daisy understood with ease. Then resumed their journey. On the way, they met a giant monster who was sleeping. "Oh no!" said Daisy who was scared to death, but luckily Minney sprayed some water on Daisy's face before she fell unconscious. The giant woke up during this ruckus. Seeing the giant waking up, Minney was scared too. In a split second, without Daisy's help, Minney started as fast as she could. To her horror, she noticed that the giant could also swim. She swiftly pressed the flying mode on the ship.



They crossed the blue whale sea, fought the monster, and crossed many adventures. Finally, with all their clothes ragged, they reached the Netherlands. Hooray! shouted the three of them. Here we are in the Netherlands! The trio could not believe their eyes! The island was filled with greenery, the most beautiful treasure!

Name: Aaradhyaa Raghavi B

Class: III-A

Mayaakatha ...where Stories dance

Stories are everywhere, some have been traveling through the footprints between the islands, some have been in the fossilized stones, some in the silence of a jungle. The outfit might vary, the outcome might too but what keeps the collage intact is the thread called Story. Story not only connects, but it also brings life and can create a story in itself. There's a story between the spaces of the words and sentences, a story can dance with a poem too and that's what Mayaakatha is all about, where stories dance.

It's an online storytelling community that started in March 2020 with a current member list of 1500+. To date they have conducted 75+ live storytelling events, Grandma stories for Kids and Adults, Navaratri Live storytelling, 10+Interview connect with the Storytellers, 51 Poetry recital shows in different languages. With their battalion, they have started a new series #365daysofStorytellinginMayaakatha for 2021 and MayaaNrithyaKathas for February month, and Educational Storytelling for March.

Also, the little birdie says that they are planning for the Mayaakatha fest in the month of April 2021. Would you like to know what Mayaakatha is offering?

Mayaa means Illusion and Katha means story, Mayaakatha offers a platform to all, to share stories, create stories, connect through stories and connect with Story. Currently, in their repository, they have around 500-600 stories.

Here's the link to know more about them..

https://www.facebook.com/groups/211798943266441/?ref=share

Mayaakatha believes that collaboration works wonders and do you plan to create that magic? Do reach them. storieswithmayaakatha@gmail.com 19 to dlio Mag

Creative Corner



Name: Sarayu Kristam Age: 12 yrs old



Name: Thomas Boyd Age: 3 years old



Name: Amaira Age 6,



Name: Bojane Bhagath Singh Age: 7yrs



Name: Aadhya Chandrasekhar Age: 4 years



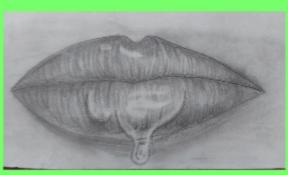
Name: Devika Prakash Age: 13



Name: Tiana Jhunjhunwala Age: 6 years



Name: Meghna Nair Age: 8yrs



Name: Dhruvin



