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by Asia Hollaway

Hello Readers,

Grandma's favorite Sundae Dawn Grantham

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October is my favorite month of the year, with perfect weather and full of festivities around the world. In this Halloween special issue, we've put together some amazing books for

you to creep through this spooky season. To satisfy all your Halloween cravings, you can

have some fun with numbers, scavenger hunts, and so much more to explore in this

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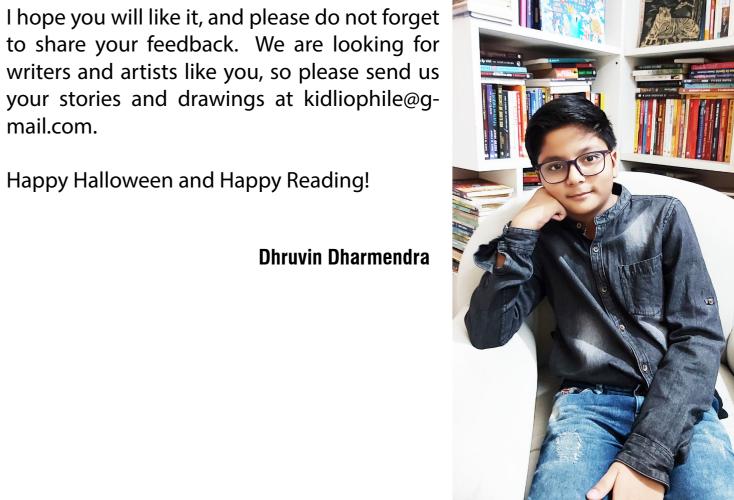
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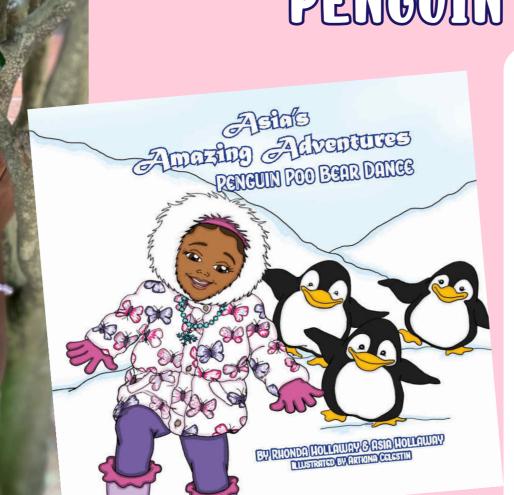
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Asia is an adventurous princess who wanted to travel instead of going to sleep at night. One night, she asked her mother to take her to Antarctica, but her mother told her that it takes planning, and they couldn't just go.

Later that night, Asia noticed something strange - a glow coming from her closet. She discovered a portal right there in her closet and that it could take her anywhere. The first place Asia decided to visit is Antarctica! Upon arriving, she realized that the penguins were expecting her. Asia soon saw that this was more than an adventure; it was her mission to visit Antarctica and help the penguins. A day later, she visited the hyenas, and once again, she had to help. Asia was so happy that her adventure included making new friends and helping others.

This is the first book in this exciting series! Join Asia on her fantastic adventures.

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

Asia Hollaway is 6 years old young girl who lives in Georgia from a single parent household and one big brother, Trevion. She is also a young dancer, gymnast, model, and YouTube star. She loves talking with people and connecting with them, and always strives to be as friendly as possible with everyone. Asia has an EXTREME passion for fashion. When she hits the runway, she becomes the Runway Diva and takes command of the stage. Because of her interest in fashion, we created Asia's Closet, an online children's boutique. Asia's Closet is her way of giving the world a vision of what fashion is through Asia's eyes.

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

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

We just released our first book June 2020. We decided to self-publish our book to add more of a personal touch to our distribution and to experience the whole process.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

This book is the first of the series for Asia's Amazing Adventures. Asia is an adventurous princess who wanted to travel instead of going to sleep at night. The series is based on Asia Hollaway and her boutique Asia's Closet. Every time Asia steps into her closet, she changes into an outfit and takes a new adventure through her closet portal.

In this first book Asia travels to Antarctica. There, she meets some new friends and teaches them a new dance.

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

I am targeting readers that are like me, a child.

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

I based my stories and characters on my passion for fashion and love for adventure. I want to travel around the world one day and this is how I start, by using my imagination.

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

Stay tuned for more adventures, fashion, and a great story. Adventures keep us young hearted and show us there is so much to this world. You can open a book and travel around the world.

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GEORGE

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I'm a mum of two, a wife and an award winning journalist by trade with a passion for the written and spoken

My dad use to spend hours reading to me as as a child and my mum taught me to read at a young age. I loved English at school and would write stories for fun at quirky characters, a bit like George!

I joined the BBC in the UK as a trainee journalist after graduating over 15 years ago so my career has always Q: Do you want to leave any message for your readbeen linked one way or another with words and stories. ers?

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children's story, I have long been telling people's stories through broadcasting and through published articles.

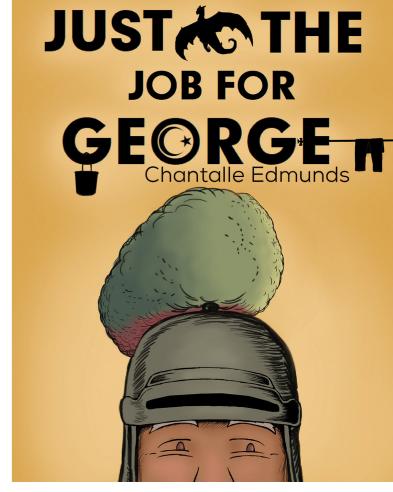
Q: How did these stories and characters come to your mind?

I wrote "Just the Job for George" while on maternity leave with my daughter and after reading what felt like a million picture books, I decided to write my own.

My daughter was born the day after St. George's Day in England which is April 23 and I had a lot of people near my due date speculating if she would arrive that day. I started thinking about St. George and the dragon which lead me to think what else he might have been good at except for dragon-slaying! If Q: How and when did your journey start as a legend had it that he could defeat dragons then I was sure he could be good at doing something else. Like for all of us, though, finding what we are good at and what we enjoy too can take some time. I wanted to show through George the importance of not giving up and persevering until you find the right fit

home during my summer break. I always loved creating I also wanted to inject some humor into the story. George is quite comical at times; as is the character of Mrs Slee who is alarmed at seeing George pole vaulting over her fence!

Q: When did you write your first story. Is it pub- I hope that "Just the Job for George" helps show children (and adults!) that although we can't be good at everything, with perseverance and a sprinkling of courage to try new things, we Although Just the Job for George is my first published can all find something that we are good at and enjoy too. Don't be afraid to embrace change, you never know what it might lead to!



Q: Tell us something more about your book?

It was important to me that Just the Job for George provided some historical context for its young (and not so young) readers. It is commonly presumed that St. George was English as he is the patron saint of England (as well as a number of other countries) but in fact

he was born- in the 3rd century AD - more than 2,000 miles away in Cappadocia (modern day Turkey). The illustrator I worked with did a great job in ensuring George was visually true to his heritage.

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

I love the wonder of seeing children absorbed in a book and the way they will laugh at something more readily than an adult. There's nothing nicer as a writer to see kids chuckling at a story. Books for older readers also tend not to have illustrations and certainly for "Just the Job for George," illustrations really bring the characters and the tale to life.

Just The Job for George

After years of dragon slaying, a drop in the number of dragons means England's patron saint, St. George, is out of work. With household bills to pay, he decides to turn his hand to a range of other jobs using his trusty dragon-slaying lance, with hilarious consequences.

The real St. George is thought to have been born in Turkey around 280 AD. Legend has it that he was a soldier in the Roman army who rode into Libya and slayed a dragon who was terrorising the city. St. George's Day is celebrated in England on April 23.

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GRANDINA'S FAVORITE
SUUSSALE

GRANTHAM

Illustrator: Demont Pinder

Publisher: Brainpublishingbooks

Dawn Grantham is a wife, mother, grandmother and so much more.

She loves her family and friends. Most importantly, she loves God and giving back; supporting others. She is a Trustee and on the Praise and Worship Team at Church. She is also a member of LOANI Global bringing Nations together, embracing Diversity, Uniting Nations and celebrating cultures.

She recently was featured on American Literary Corporation morning reading session.

As an Advertising Professional Dawn understands the importance of exposure. She has a mission to create books

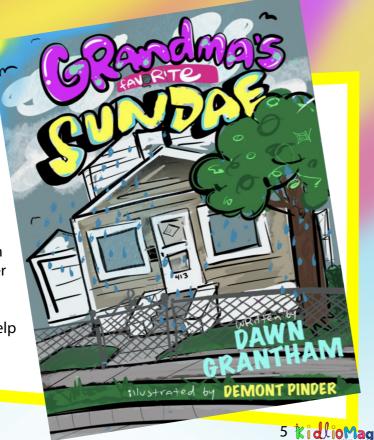
that expose young readers to create art, Godly principles and life skills. As a minority Author she has a sense of responsibility to share stories with her community that she believes will equip them for success. Hence, the reason she co-authored AWOTM Best selling Inspirational Daily Journal and AWOTM #1 Best selling National Prayer Book When Dawn is not working, you can find her trying a new cup of tea (self proclaimed tea connoisseur) gardening, crocheting, reading, writing, exploring life with her husband, encouraging her sons and playing basketball with her grandsons. If you want a dose of daily inspiration please follow her Instagram page DGINSPIRES Inspired to Inspire Dawn launched her first children's book.

Grandma's Favorite Sundale

The annual fundraiser at school is quickly approaching and young Sundae does not know how she can contribute. Through the art of crocheting, Sundae solves her problem with a creative donation idea. She also develops an invaluable bond with her loving grandmother who teaches Sundae to crochet.

This is a story to remind young readers to help others, be creative, and foster relationships.

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Can You Find These Things In This Magazine?



Author Interview

CHARRON MONAYE

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I am a woman who wears many hats, but one of the hats I enjoy the most is writing. I have contributed my pen to the literary industry for over two decades. My body of works includes twenty-two published books in six different genres, five Amazon best-sellers, former staff writer for CNN iReport and Philadelphia Association of Paralegals, contributing author for 20+ book publications, the ghostwriter of 12+ books, award-winning playwright, blogger, and editor-in-chief of madisonjaye.com, and creator/writer of five stage performances.

When I am not writing I am serving as an Author Coach and Book publisher under my company Pen Legacy, LLC. And lastly, I am a Philly native, but now resides in Tampa, Fl. and proud mother of my 2 sons Spc. Christopher (who is currently serving in the U.S Army) and Craig.

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

Writing was never something I aspired to do; it just came naturally. As a child, I would write poetry to share my thoughts or emotions because I always felt that speaking to them would either cause me to be ridiculed or judged. I was a child that really cared what people thought about me. So, instead of fighting for my voice, I just spoke through my pen because I knew it would not speak back. After winning a poetry contest and having my poem, "Alone" published in the publication Tears of Fire, I felt motivated to continue writing. Then, writing poetry turned into writing articles for magazines, to writing song lyrics, to writing books, to play scripts, and now children's books. So, what started out as a form of expression, has now evolved into a legendary and profitable business.

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

Well, my writing has transpired in seasons, so bear with me. I became a published writer in 1992, as a contributing writing to the book, Tears of Fire. After that I collaborated for years, as well as writing for magazines and CNN. However, my first published book as an Author was released on November 4, 2010, entitled My Side of the Story. That book, along with many others, is available on all domestic and international online book retailers' sites. If you are not sure, you have Barnes N Noble, Books A Million, Target, Wal-Mart, Apple, Amazon, Goodreads, Kobo, and more local bookstores.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

Let's just say, I am a versatile writer. I have published books within the Poetry, Inspirational and Personal Development, Business, Children's Devotional & Journaling, and Self-Help. And I mostly ghostwrite books that fall within one of those genres as well.

But my books are truly for everyone who is looking to be inspired, motivated, and encouraged. I write based on reality, it's no escaping life when reading my books. I am that writer who is also a coach who loves to see people grow and elevate to their highest potential. My writing changes based on what I have overcome or what I see people need based on post or conversations.



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

I am actually new to the children's book realm. My first children's book Michelle and her Magical Pen was released on my ten-year anniversary as an author, and since then I have written five more. For me, children's books gave me permission to tap into my inner child. For instance, Michelle is my real middle name and every single book is a reflection of my seven-year-old goals and dreams or some of the things I enjoy as a person.

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

With my children's book being the first real character book, they came nature. They are all family members, my kids, and friends. All of the character names are people I know, but Michelle is me. The younger version of me if you will. And the stories are subjects that I love. Subjects such as: Writing (I am a writer), History (I love history), Politics (I love law and government / it's my professional profession), Travel, (my dream of going to Paris) and Entrepreneurship (I am a business owner and teaching kids how to sell). So every book is a reflection of me and me teaching and inspiring children to follow their dreams.

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

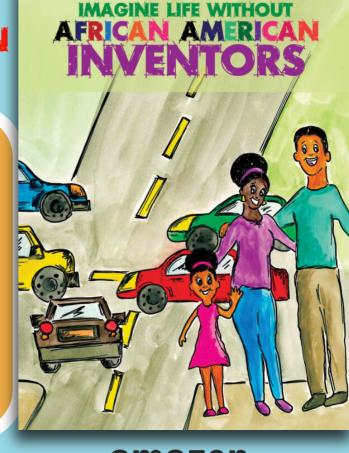
Thank you in advance for your support and I am super excited to read your reviews. You can connect with me on Facebook at Charron Monaye or instagram at @iamcharronmonaye. You can also visit my website at www.charronmonaye.com or if you are ready to share your story and need a publisher, ghostwriter or scriptwriter visit penlegacy.com.

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IMAGINE LIFE WITHOUT AFRICAN AMERICAN INVENTORS

Did you know your cellphone was invented by an African American? What about the doorknob, mailbox, or the home security system? Through the book, you will learn along with Mr. Kentrell's class just how African American women and men contributed to the world we live in.

Imagine Life Without African American Inventors is a beautifully illustrated children's book about inventions that has become the fabric of our everyday lives. Children will learn that some things that we may take for granted - from the components in a cell phone, streetlights, mailbox, hairbrush, potato chips, ironing board to the home security system - were created by African American men and women. As Michelle and Mr. Kentrell's class learn about these inventors, they are asked to image life without African Americans.

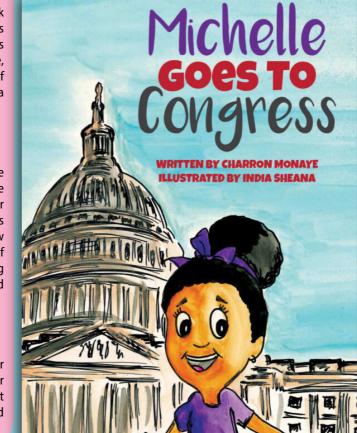


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Michelle GOES TO Ongress

Executive Branch! Legislative Branch! Judicial Branch! Who really runs the world?

Michelle is excited to visit the U.S. Capitol with her class! The students are fascinated by Congress and how it works. Not only are they eager to learn more about the House, Senate and their functions, but excited to show off what they've already learned. Will the class impress their teacher - Mr. Cauley, and their tour guide with their knowledge, and what other exciting facts will they learn about our democracy?



New Release

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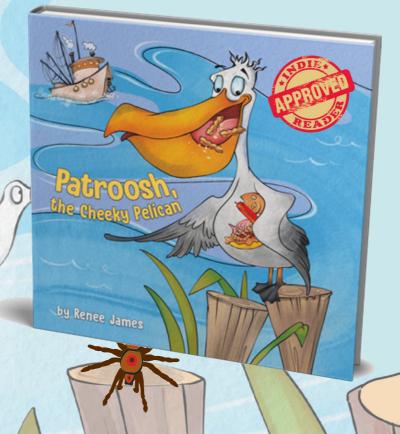
Renée James comes from a background in communications and the commercial television industry. She has worked on a variety of creative projects both nationally and internationally.

She loves nothing more than spending time with family and friends. She is passionate about travel, wildlife, beach days, and, of course, story-time. Her children are the bee's knees as they are constant reminders to be present, and always make time to play.

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Patroosh, The Cheeky Pelican

Patroosh is a cheeky pelican who always wants more. He'll even take the food right out of your hand, or flap his big wings until you drop it in the sand. But after an unexpected event, and a random act of kindness, this pelican's life is about to change forever.



A Coversation With A Painting

I ambled down the red carpeted floor of the contemporary art museum.

I walked past the paintings until a faint movement distracted me. Curiosity took the best of me, causing me to stealthily walk towards that place.(I cursed my addiction of murder mysteries!)

What I witnessed thou made me want to question my existence; a sobbing painting of Greek Goddess Gaia!

"It's hurting me a lot!"she managed to utter.

"What is it?" I found myself asking before I could contemplate the absurd encounter.

"You petty humans have destroyed me. My once thriving kingdom of nature is now faint. It won't be long before it culminates into oblivion!"she spat with utter anger.

I was clueless.

"All crimes that you call developmental activities are causing global warming and are eliminating my existence." She spoke calmly this time.

I had understood her pain and agony by now. Yes, we were responsible!

Before I could put forth an explanation, the siren rang announcing the museum closure.

As I walked out, it felt like a figment of my imagination but it was true. That encounter had opened my eyes and I promised to do my part in keeping mother Gaia's existence in being!

Saumaya Gupta Class - 9th 13 years







Author Interview

PATRICIA NICOLE HARRIS

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Q: First tell us something about yourself?

My name is Patricia Nicole Harris. I am a wife, a mother, and the product of immigrant grandparents from the British Virgin Islands. Their sacrifice and commitment to the pursuit of a better life is the reason I can pursue my own dreams. My Grandmother laid the blueprint of service to others. It is the reason I am so proud to follow in her footsteps and serve others in my own way. I am Lexington (Lex) and Savannah's mother and Camden's (Cam) Aunt and God mommy.

I enjoy puns, baking, writing, meditating, nature, and spending time with family.

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

I have, in a sense, always been a writer. Writing was/is how I expressed myself emotionally and creatively. I never considered it a gift though. Family and friends would tell me I was talented when I shared poems and other projects but was discouraged when my creative writing teacher in college was less than supportive. I even changed my major. However, I knew I had a way with words and felt like my wit and humor and storytelling were in fact worth revisiting. Luckily, I found my way back.

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

If we aren't talking about my elementary school assignment where I wrote a fictional Halloween story about a haunted house on Stockton Drive, then I wrote my actual first story recently in 2020. I was on maternity leave after having my baby girl Savannah, between careers and decided to dedicate time to something I had wanted to do for over 2 years. It was an idea that had been nagging me and wouldn't leave me alone, so I responded. I hired an amazing

accountability coach and set milestones and just started writing. Cam And Lex Adventures was born shortly thereafter. This book and the series of books that follow, is my outward expression of admiration and love to my boys, my daughter and to all children. I dreamt of writing these books, I put it off repeatedly and convinced

> myself the dream I carried wasn't big or important enough. I was wrong...

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

Cam and Lex Adventures highlights the unique love and bond that exists between cousins

who are growing up as close as siblings. It is inspired by Cam (the big cousin) and Lex (the little cousin). Throughout the series there is fun, learning, discovery, conflict, and resolution. We follow Cam and Lex on a series of adventures, based on real life explorations. The book normalizes and humanizes the experiences of boys of color while being relatable to all families. The representation and humanization of their day to day, matters. It makes you wonder what they will get into next!

I have a few goals with this book, and they include 1. Joy and learning for kids 2. A sense of nostalgia for adults ("I used to do that with my cousins too!") 3. Representation for kids of color and 4. Solidarity with any family that has experienced infertility/loss - there is an element of remembrance and hope on each page and an explanation at the beginning- you'll have to grab a copy and see.

I have realized part of my gift is my ability to relate to and speak their language, yet kids teach us so much more than we can ever teach them. Their interpretation of what they read, and experience is always so profound--yet simple. Kids have a way of reminding us of what is magical, uncomplicated, and easy. Kids are also so open, teachable, and

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

impressionable. My hope is that young readers retain and expand upon their sense of adventure and curiosity. And, that if for any reason their sense of wonder has been misplaced (especially during these tough times), they can be reminded of how fun life is and go along for the adventures with Cam and Lex and create adventures

Q: How did these stories and characters come to your

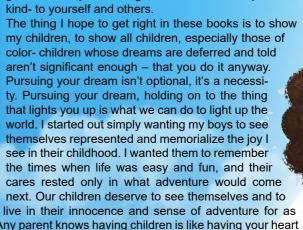
Cam is my nephew and Lex is my son. They are so close, in relationship and proximity, and are growing up like brothers. Everyone asks how I come up with their adventures, and I say, "I just watch them in their element, write it down and make it rhyme." I had to! Their time together is just too good not to capture. Everything in the book is art imitating life. My sweet Savannah even made an appearance because they are so in love with her too. My original goal was to satisfy a creative itch and to archive memories for our babies. It became so much more, and I am honored that anyone would want to have this book in their home.

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

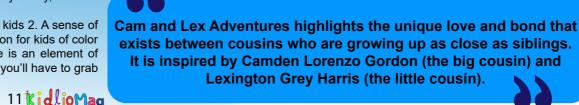
I want kids to know that while capes and magic wands and superheroes are awesome, that YOU are the true magic. Without any sensationalizing, you in your purest form can make anything an awesome adventure. So, I hope you never stop exploring and having fun. No matter how old you get. Cherish your siblings, cousins, friendships, and family. Be

my children, to show all children, especially those of color- children whose dreams are deferred and told aren't significant enough - that you do it anyway. Pursuing your dream isn't optional, it's a necessity. Pursuing your dream, holding on to the thing that lights you up is what we can do to light up the world. I started out simply wanting my boys to see themselves represented and memorialize the joy I see in their childhood. I wanted them to remember the times when life was easy and fun, and their cares rested only in what adventure would come next. Our children deserve to see themselves and to

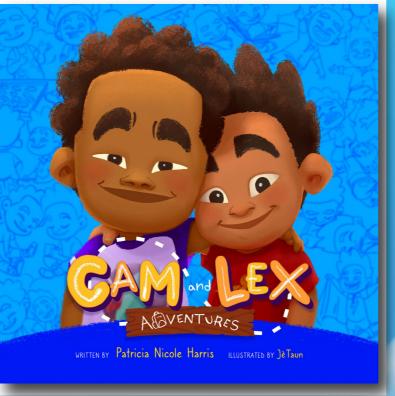
long as they can. Any parent knows having children is like having your heart walk outside of your body - Cam and Lex Adventures is me sharing my heart with the world.













Surprise! Its Just Pee

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I am La Manda Jeannine Davis, from Hollywood California. I come from a musical family. My dad was Hal Davis, music producer for Motown Records. He created and established many singers careers, such as The Jackson 5, Diana Ross, Marvin Gaye, Bette Midler, Thelma Houston and many more. My mother was a painter and writer, a stay at home mom who taught me how to read. I credit my parents for their discipline in my life and how it carries me through my adult years. I am an alumni of Los Angeles Film school, this was a birthing place for my creativity to elevate. I studied and graduated with my business degree in Entertainment and have been living my blessed life. I love being active in my church and I seek inspiration and truth from God's love in my life. I now have the courage and confidence to stand on my own and to believe in myself to witness my given gift.

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

My journey with writing started at age 5! I was a little song writer. (wonder where I ot that from??) It was a song titled "Root beer." I loved it! It Drove everyone in the house crazy with it, but I loved root beer as a child and my grandmother and I would make root beer floats and drink them on her patio. It was a glorious time. Years changed, my writing changed, it matured to poems, letters to pen pals from Spain, (that was FUN) and as a teen I mostly wrote about how I was blossoming into a young woman.

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

I wrote SURPRISE ITS JUST PEE in 2014 .lts my first. The story started out very dark at first. I was in a place in my life that I was literally running on empty. Working 4 jobs, going back to school after 30, and the burden trying to make loved ones happy wore me out, I felt depleted.

It was 2016 that I decided to quit my job and attend school full time and took the chance to see if I could really WIN by just being me. After I graduated, I started my Tangerine Tale LLC. In 2018 I revised my story. Tangerine kept peeing on my bed and I was getting frustrated.

So I wrote about it and the story poured out of me! It was almost as if it was downloaded inside of me. I started on a warm Monday evening in September and finished writing by Tuesday morning at 4am. It was the best experience.

I encountered a new me. I recently was published during our pandemic in 2020 from Trilogy Publisher, a cable network, after coming home from my trip in Jerusalem...It was a miracle for me.



LA MANDA JEANNINE DAVIS



Author Interview

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

SURPRISE ITS JUST PEE is a real life story. When I was little, I used to pee on my bed and my grandmas' bed too. So this story has heartfelt message to adults to not shame any child for wetting the bed, or for any pet wetting the bed or furniture. I suffered some trauma as a child and my body was telling me something was wrong. It was my grandma who did not shame me, but laughed at me! My grandmother was the BEST! She is GRANDMA TEE TEE in SURPRISE ITS JUST PEE. And I am TANGERINE! In the book, there are my family characteristics, my grandad who my grandma loved so much, (you'll see a picture of him in Cat character on grandma night stand) Lovely little fun memories I have about love, compassion and humor.

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

I chose kids as my readers for this particular book because it offered me a lifestyle change. In order for me to create a story, I had to first eliminate adult habits which were learned from survival of life. I thank God for giving me a second chance for me to accept me as I am regardless of how others may think about me. I think kids start with such innocence and purity and then life somehow takes away our loud shout as a child to a weak wimperto just stay alive. It was a road for me to heal and soul search before I could write. Once I turned my life around, that's when the magic happened. I want to remind parents first to gain THEIR shout back and their belief in themselves. As for kids, I want to reach them now to show proof, they can WIN at being who they are and to discern who they are without the approval of anyone.

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

My story and characters came to my mind from the love of my cat and my grandma and family. I miss them

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

My message to my readers is simple. Be grateful for ALL your life, the good, the not so good. This life is not just for you, but for others too that are in need for a voice. Become a voice and light to those who might feel voiceless. DON'T LOSE YOUR SHOUT and keep the desires of your heart, you will see them come to pass. JUST ASK ME!

Surprise! It's Just Pee

La Manda Jeannine Davis



Feline character Tangerine uses her special way of communication to express her true feeling, and learns just how special she really is through potty training..Surprise! It's Just Pee.

A sassy, classy, and fun-loving city feline, Tangerine-curious and lovable- is on a journey to express herself. Tangerine develops a purrculiar habit and form of communication with those she loves. While Tangerine is learning about communication, Mandy learns about patience, and Grandma Tee Tee learns to have compassion and to accept Tangerine's sassy, special form of communication.





Michelle Crichton



Q: First tell us something about yourself?

are from the Caribbean. I studied General Arts and Teaching at The University of Ottawa, and I hold Bachelor's Degrees in both areas. During my spare time I enjoy reading, writing, learning about topics that interest me. going now! watching movies and some tv shows, travelling, going for long walks outdoors and listening to music. I have been working in a credit union in Ottawa for several years and I have always loved animals!

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

My journey as a writer started when I was very young. I was in a French Immersion programme at school, and I recall my 2nd grade English teacher asking me to assist some of the other pupils with a few writing assignments. I was only 7 and already I had a strong knack for language studies and writing! At the time, I would often write cute rhyming poems about a cat in the neighbourhood named "Kiku" who I enjoyed playing with outside. When I was 12 years old and in grade 7, our English teacher did a unit on poetry and again, I was really enthralled with the subject matter! Sometimes I was picked on at school and I found happiness staying in the teacher's classroom at lunch and writing poems.

This became a hobby for me as teenager and I wrote many different poems at the time. One was featured on the back of I was born and raised in Ottawa, Canada and my parents my high school yearbook, two were performed by me at the annual high school talent show and one was published in the National Anthology of Poetry in North America. As you can see, my journey began when I was very young, and it is still

Q: When did you write your first story? Is it published or

A: I wrote my first book in 2016 and it was published in 2017. It was a self-help book for adults about dealing with workplace issues and learning how to overcome those obstacles.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

A: I am always fascinated by the human experience (how situations affect us, what makes us all "click", how we can assist others, what lessons can be derived from our experiences etc.) I think that my books do have a humanistic approach and an awareness for the emotional impact that certain experiences can cause. I also tend to focus on a moralistic approach, and I write about areas that I am most familiar with so that I can write in my own truly authentic

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

ing children's books with a moral behind the story. I also enjoyed having stories read to me, as it was a very soothing and relaxing feeling. I wanted to share a bit of what I enjoyed reading as a child with kids today. Whether the child enjoys independent story book reading or prefers to have the story read to them (or both), I wanted to give them something enjoyable, educational, and meaningful at the same time.

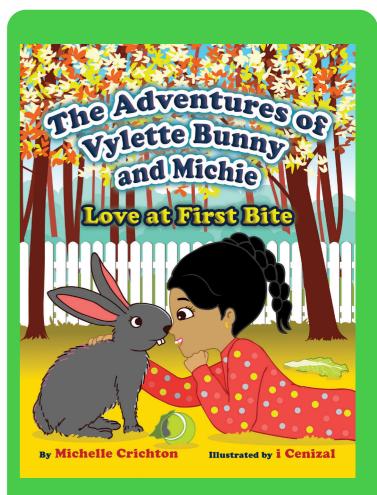
Q: How did these stories and characters come to your mind?

I had a pet rabbit named Bugs for 9 years (2008-2017) and there were many ups but a few occasional downs with the new pet. Bunnies love to chew, and I was not fully prepared in the beginning! I remained patient and adaptable so eventually everything worked out with the bunny. Vylette Bunny is a fictional character, but she was inspired by Bugs. I had many hilarious and touching memories with the bunny that I had to find a way to share them. Michie (also a fictional character) would be very similar to how I was as a child. Very much in her own world, guided by her strong feelings and moral compass, sensitive, creative, and wanting to have the company of a pet. Michie's parents were inspired by own parents. When I was in practicum during my teacher education programme, I taught a grade 5/6 class about graphic novels. I created a demo of a graphic novel for the children, and I used a sequence of chimerical events with Bugs and a neighbourhood dog. The children were very fond of the mini adventures of Bugs. I always remember the excitement and happiness that I saw in their eyes when I presented them with the short animal story. I knew that one day, I would utilize my memories to create an illustrated children's book about the relationship between a young girl and her pet bunny!

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

A: Sometimes when you are the guiet, reserved child who prefers to sit at the back of the class, not draw any attention to yourself or speak up in large groups, some people might doubt your capabilities and not see your greatest strengths. We are all unique and different and we bring value in our own ways. Just because you are quiet, does not mean that you are not capable! Please do not give up, always believe in who you are, never forget the people who believed in you as well and always try do the right thing! (Even when nobody is watching).

A: As a trained teacher, I have always enjoyed working with children. One thing that I learned from being in the classroom is that while not all children might enjoy picking up a book and reading, many do enjoy having stories read to them! From my experiences as a young girl, I enjoyed reading colourful, imaginative, and engaging children's books with a moral behind the story. Lalso



Michie has always loved animals and cannot wait to have a pet of her own. When she meets Vylette Bunny, her dreams become a reality. But will Michie be able to handle an adorable yet mischievous bunny with a strong mind of her own, and a powerful love for nibbling? By taking on bunny ownership responsibilities, did Michie bite off more than she can chew?

The Warrior Princess

Princess Anne was an unusual princess. She wasn't going to sit on her balcony and wait for a prince to rescue her. Oh no! She was a warrior. She was the only child of King Harold and Queen Harris. They had everything they wanted except for what they most wanted: a child. So, when Anne was born, The greatest celebration ever held took place in the kingdom of Haroldton. Yeah, pretty derpy name, eh? That's why when Anne was 2 years old, she asked her father to rename the kingdom Charmington. Of course, he did it at once.

But, as time went by, it became clear that she was no brat despite being spoilt. She was as humble as she was kind, as wise as she was pretty. She was trained in warfare as per her own wish. You see, one day she said to her father,

"Daddy, why do the princesses in my storybooks always sit in their castle sewing or attending royal dances? Why don't they go out and fight in wars or help the poor people of the kingdom? Do princesses have to be like that?"

At which he replied " nothing like that my child,

you can be anything you want to be!"

Then daddy, can you teach me warfare?"

'Of course, darling"

So from that moment on she was trained to fight. She was trained to defend. She was taught everything a prince would have had to learn.

In her free time Anne loved writing poetry and stories. She loved books so much she had 2 libraries full of books where she would go and spend her time reading. One day, she vowed, "When I grow up, I am going to write a story about a princess. Not any princess, but a warrior princess."

Now, you will just have to be happy imagining the happy life Anne led until she was 15. Because they would fill up 15 books!

But for now lets just fast forward to her 16th birthday. In Charmington, Children come of age at 16! So, on her 16th birthday, Anne, dressed in a beautiful burgundy gown, couldn't even imagine the life changing events that would happen to her that day.

As she was about to cut the cake, a messenger came into the hall, panting visibly. He stood up, attempted to speak, and swayed and fainted. Harold immediately picked up the message that now lay sprawled on the floor. It said

SOS! SOS! King Harold, This is my request for help. A giant dragon has been wreaking havoc in my kingdom. I know what a skilled warrior your daughter is. Please send her to my kingdom as half my subjects have been terrified nearly to death. Yours.

Benjamin

Of course the king, like any other father, worried about his daughter's safety. He asked her what she would do. Anne said:

"Father, allow me to go. I will capture it and bring it back to king Benjamin's kingdom. He is like an uncle to me and i would be pleased to help him."

Anne took her parents blessings, jumped on her horse and went on her way. She travelled far and wide, stopping to rest at night and continuing her journey after a few hours.

One day, in the forests near king Ben's kingdom she found what looked like a giant violet snake scale. Anne knew she was close.

As she travelled deeper into the forest, a smell of burnt meat reached her nostrils. She cautiously approached a clearing in the forest where she found a cave. She went into the cave and found a frightening yet strangely beautiful curled up dragon sleeping. She was a very kind girl and did not want to kill anything, even a man-eating dragon. She took the looooooooooooooooooooo grope she had got with her and carefully tied it around the dragon's snout, so as to prevent it from breathing fire. She then took it back to king Benjamin's kingdom. She received a lot of praise from everyone and went home

Anne had many more adventures after that but, I'm afraid, we don't have time for that right now. Until next time then!

Name: Aashritha Surya Prakash

Age: 10



THE BOOGLER!

Sitting around a campfire telling stories is lots of fun. But when Edmund tells his friends a story about the spookiest monster ever, it's terrifying! The Boogler is hiding in the shadows, his dirty hands dripping with slime and his nose dripping with snot; he's waiting to jump out and smear icky stuff all; over you! Chock-full of colorful illustrations with just enough spookiness, this second installment of Edmund's Adventures is full of gross-out humor that will spark laughter in children. Learning about personal hygiene has never been so fun!





JALENA DUPREE

Jalena Dupree is a full-time mom and author.

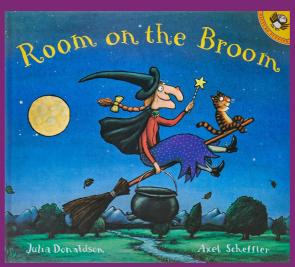
Jalena wants to change the harmful narrative that boys don't read. Jalena writes fun, engaging stories that help kids create a lifelong love of reading.

Jalena pulls her story ideas from everyday life; her kids are often the protagonists.

Supermom was Jalena Dupree's first release; the entire Edmund's adventures series is an ode to moms from the perspective of a five-year-old with a vivid imagination.

Book Recommendation

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Name: Room on the Broom

Author: Julia Donaldson

Publisher: Puffin Books

Pages: 32 pages

Description: This fun family read-aloud is the perfect way to start Halloween celebrations and an ideal gift book. A sweet story of quick wits, friendship, and inclusivity from the creators of The Gruffalo! The witch and her cat are happily flying through the sky on a broomstick when the wind picks up and blows away the witch's hat, then her bow, and then her wand! Luckily, three helpful animals find the missing items, and all they want in return is a ride on the broom. But is there room on the broom for so many friends? And when disaster strikes, will they be able to save the witch from a hungry dragon?

Name: Peppa's Halloween Party

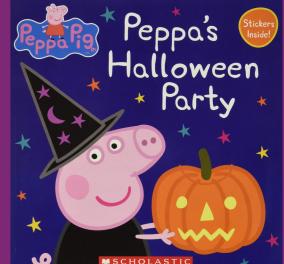
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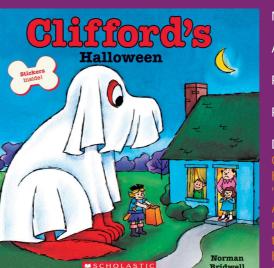
Pages: 24 pages

Description: Join Peppa and her friends for a spooktacular

Halloween party

It is the spookiest time of year! Peppa and her family play outside in the leaves, carve pumpkins, and dress up in costumes for a Halloween party with all of their friends!





Name: Clifford's Halloween

Author: Norman Bridwell

Publisher: Cartwheel Books

Pages: 32 pages

Description: Celebrate Hanukkah with Clifford and Emily Elizabeth!

Clifford and Emily Elizabeth are celebrating their first Hanukkah. They love hearing the story of Hanukkah, eating "latkes" (fried potato pancakes) and

"sufganiyot" (fried jelly donuts), and playing dreidel.

After dinner, Clifford and Emily Elizabeth take a trip into town to see the giant menorah. But when they get there, they discover that one light is broken. It's too late in the evening to call a handyman, but maybe Clifford is big enough to save Hanukkah!

Featuring a full page of stickers!

WHY SHOULD SOIL BE SPOILED?

Crops grow well on soil fertile,

But erosion makes it futile.

Soil becomes barren and dry

Yields nothing how much ever we try.

Nutrient rich topsoil is washed away,

Due to our negligence and careless way.

Many crops grow only on soil,

Then why should we let it spoil?

Trees hold the soil tight in the ground,

They make them rich and nicely browned.

Trees useful in more than ways one,

Let's plant more and not just one!!!



Creative Corner



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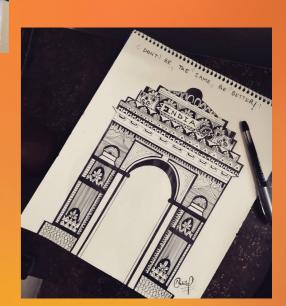


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