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Editor's Note

Hello Readers,

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."

Winter is a lot more fun and exciting when we think of Christmas, as this festival season brings a lot of festivities to celebrate throughout the world. This holiday season is all about caring, sharing, and making memories with family and friends, so make the most of it and immerse yourself in our Christmas Special Edition.

On the cover, we have Toya Adams-Driscall, author of A Note to My Black Son and A Note to My Black Daughter, Read about her journey and how she empowers black sons and daughters through her books. In this Christmas Special Edition, we are trying to incorporate the best of Christmas books, stories from aspiring authors, Advent calendar and Christmas Activities, and so much more to explore in the holiday season. I hope you will like it, and please do not forget to share your feedback. We are looking for writers and artists like you, so please send us your stories and drawings at kidliomag@gmail.com. Merry Christmas!

Happy Reading!

Dhruvin Dharmendra



**DHRUVIN
DHARMENDRA**

A NOTE TO MY BLACK SON...

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I am a high school English teacher from Cleveland, Ohio with a Master's Degree in Secondary Urban Education; I have been teaching for 18 years with experience working with scholar of all ages from Kindergarten to college. I am married with 3 children (1 biological son, Mason age 13 and 2 bonus kids: son Jalen age 24 and daughter Jamir age 21). I love to travel, read young adult fiction, binge watch TV shows and sing. My dream is to have my books reach the New York Times Bestseller list and make my rounds on the daytime/late night talk show circuit to promote my books.

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

I never really thought of myself as a writer although I always loved to write in English class. I started this journey when I decided I wanted to write notes to my son that would help encourage and inspire him to be the best version of himself he could be.

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

My first book, A Note to My Black Son... was compiled and published last November (2020) and A Note to My Black Daughter... was published earlier this year in June. Book 3 is due to be released later on this month. I want to turn these books into a series similar to the Chicken Soup for the Soul books and have "A Note to My..." for everyone to offer encouragement, inspiration and send the message to them that they matter!

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

Both of these books are an expression of the love Black Moms have for their Sons and Daughters! Children need to know that they matter and these notes are a way of doing just that from the one woman in their lives who will ALWAYS be there, good, bad or otherwise. There are so many things in the world that can steal their innocence or make them feel totally defeated so each of these notes, although they convey the same overall message, is an individual expression to each Son or Daughter. These books can inspire and encourage ANY Son or Daughter on their worst day to keep on going a little while longer or a little bit further. Each note is a way of telling our Black Sons and Daughters to "straighten their crown" and NOT allow society to determine who they are because they come from rich heritage with legacies of excellence!

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

Unfortunately, these books were born from tragedies that had happened recently in our country. George Floyd's murder was the reason I wanted to write notes to my own sons. I tried watching the video posted of him being murdered by the police and when I heard him call out for his "Mama", it tugged very hard at my heart strings; all I could think about was my own son and the fact that because of color of his skin, he could one day be in the same situation. After creating such an amazing, dynamic, poignant piece for our Black Sons, I started thinking about Breonna Taylor and her murder and knew I had to do something for my/our Black Daughters as well. Although the titles of the books say "Black Sons & Daughters", the words of love from these Moms can be for any Son or Daughter no matter what race, ethnicity or nationality they might be; the messages are universal because EVERYONE can use a little positivity!



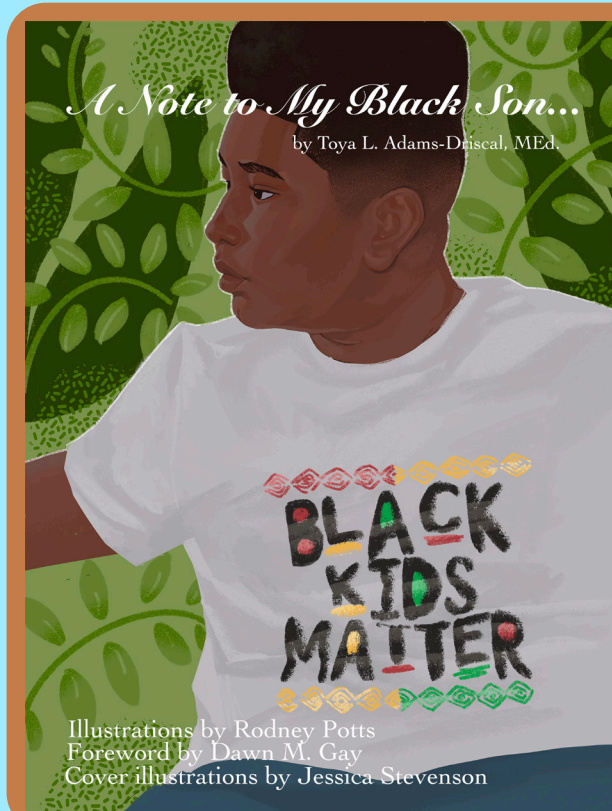
Toya L. Adams-Driscall

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

I started writing a letter to my own sons and thought about all of the other Black Sons who needed to hear messages like this and that's how the book began to take form. I reached out to as many of my Black Son Mom-friends as I could to see if they would be willing/interested in contributing to the project and the response was truly overwhelming because almost every Mom I asked, participated in the book. There are over 60 moms in A Note to My Black Son... and there are more than 40 in the second book, A Note to My Black Daughter... I would like to do a part 2 for each book sometime in the future to include even more Moms who would like to express their love to their Sons and Daughters. Book 3, A Note to the Black Man... is in the final editing stages and should be released right before Christmas.

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

Love on your babies while you can because tomorrow is never promised and they grow up so quickly! A Note to My Black Son... and A Note to My Black Daughter... is not only for young children but for Sons and Daughters of all ages because no matter how old we get, it is always nice to know we matter and someone believes in us. Embrace your kids often and say those kind words at every opportunity because it may be the only time that they hear them! If you are interested in being a contributor to any of my future book projects, please reach out to me via my website www.toyaadamsdriscall.com.



A Note To My Black Son...

In these times, it is important that we are able to find encouragement, positivity and inspiration any place that we can. A Note to My Black Son... is a positive, encouraging and inspiring note to our Black Sons from their Moms. As I'm sure you are already aware, the relationship between a Mother and her Son is a very close and unique bond that is unparalleled with any other relationship that you will experience. This book makes a positive impact in the lives of our own and other Black Sons in the world who might need some encouragement, positivity and inspiration. Since we have such a special relationship, it is extremely important than in a world that tires to destroy them at every turn, they are able to find some solace and peace; what better way to offer them that then by sharing a note specifically addressed to them from the woman who loves them the most?

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A Note to My Black Daughter



A Note to My Black Daughter... is a positive, encouraging and inspiring note to our Black Daughters from their Moms. Being blessed to be chosen as the Mother of a Black Girl is an amazing feeling because Black Women are as magical as unicorns! Because Black Women have always been the least protected group in society, it is important and very necessary that we support, encourage, inspire and love on them as much as possible. A Note to My Black Daughter... offers our Black Girls just that!

Advent Calendar

1
Put Up And Decorate
Christmas Tree



2
BAKE COOKIES



3 Hang Your Stockings



4
Feed A
Reindeer



5
Make your
Wishlist



6
Eat
Candy Cane



7 Watch
Elf Movies



8
Make Christmas
Ornaments



9 Watch Movie
"Home Alone"



10 Go Sledding



11
Wear Christmas
Pajamas And Socks



12
Joy

13
Build A
Snowman



14 Make a
Snow Globe



15
Build A
Gingerbread Man



16
Write A Letter
To Santa



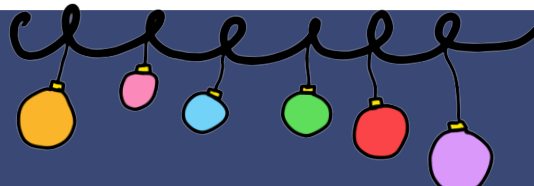
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Rudolph



18
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Skating



19
Go Look At Christmas Lights



20
Sing
Carols



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*Ho
Ho!*

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CHRISTMAS
BOOK



23
Go Sledding



24 VISIT
CHRISTMAS
TREE FARM



25
*Merry
Christmas!*



CHANDLER

The Crocodile

Grace Estle

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I am an Asian American (half Filipino, half Caucasian) who moved from the Philippines to the U.S. when I was four-years-old. When I share this fact with people, they often ask me what I remember about the Philippines.

I remember gravel.

If you're disappointed with that answer, I can relate. The Philippines is considered paradise with its sandy beaches and tropical rainforests. Yet, the only thing I can recall is an item that not only hurts your feet; it's available everywhere!

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

My journey began the moment I learned how to write. I started writing poetry and short stories in grade school, but I didn't realize that I was good until I earned the runner up spot for a local TV station contest about my most embarrassing moment.

What did I write about in that essay? Well, let's just say it involved my eight-year-old self, a playground, monkey bars, and white underwear with pink hearts on it.

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

The first story I remember writing was in second grade, when I was seven-years-old. It was about an alien who befriends a kid here on earth and spends weeks with him, getting into trouble (the fun kind) and forming a close relationship. The alien leaves abruptly when his mom asks him to return home for dinner. The twist is that the alien was only gone for one day in his world.

I didn't publish this story, but I did receive a gold star from my teacher who told me to never stop writing.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

Chandler the Crocodile is loosely based upon my struggles as the only Asian American in my elementary class. Like Chandler, I yearned to look like the rest of my classmates who had light skin, non-slanted eyes, and blonde/light brown hair. Unlike Chandler, I did not embrace my own gifts until my early twenties.

I originally wrote this book to inspire children, but one unexpected side effect occurred. I healed myself in the process.

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

My mission is to empower children to recognize that their differences are what make them special. If I can help just one child overcome adversity, then I have done my job as a writer. Additionally, the gift of kindness never stops giving.

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

I'm fascinated with crocodiles because they are beautiful creatures with amazing talents. For example, did you know they don't sweat? Anyway, I began to ponder what would happen if a crocodile moved to an exotic location (from his/her perspective) like a forest. How would bears, another majestic animal, react to a leathery skinned crocodile? The story started with that seed and sprouted into a full book.

CHANDLER
THE CROCODILE

Written by Grace Estle
Illustrated by QBN Studios

What's worse than being labeled the new kid at school?

For Chandler, it's being the only crocodile in a forest full of fluffy bears.

Chandler loves making new friends. But as his first day unfolds, he experiences the unfortunate realities of looking different. His sharp teeth, long tail, and leathery skin scare his classmates, making him an outcast.

Join Chandler on his journey to embracing his own uniqueness and making a friend.

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Perfection is not what makes us beautiful; it's our imperfections. We all deserve to be loved, but we must love ourselves first.

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Bella's Christmas Wonderland Adventure

Annabelle & Anne John-Ligali

Mum and daughter duo are the authors of the Bella Series, the first book being Bella's Christmas Wonderland Adventure, formally known as Lost in Christmas Wonderland. Annabelle is ten, lives in London, and enjoys playing with her brother. She also loves to vlog about books she's read, and places she's visited on her YouTube channel at Annabelle Presents.

Anne began her creative writing journey in 2007 and since then has published a three-part series. Having worked in numerous I.T. jobs, Anne believes this prepared her for being able to take on a busy hands-on and multi-tasking role as a self-publisher with her imprint Books and Authors Publishing UK.

When at home, Annabelle, her mum, and younger brother love to bake cookies, play Roblox, watch Netflix, Prime, and go for walks in the park. Annabelle's favourite authors are Alesha Dixon, Serena Patel, Jaqueline Wilson, and David Walliams.

Bella's Christmas Wonderland Adventure

When ten-year-old Bella Matthews and her mum, Isabel, visit Granny Sylta in the snowy village of Lakersfield for Christmas, it turns out there is more in store than just Christmas cake and a ton of presents.

When she arrives, she meets her cousin Rita and a boy called Tommy for the first time, and catches up with her friend Iris again too. Together they discover an exciting attraction is in town: A giant Christmas Wonderland Theme Park. They are dazzled by hundreds of decorated Christmas trees, a Musical Nativity, a Santa Parade, an Upside Down House, and many more attractions.

But Bella ends up having an unexpected adventure of her own as she dances with pot-bellied Santas, discovers a palace made entirely out of glass, wanders into an intriguing puzzle room, and treks for miles to find shelter on a snowy night. Can Bella find her way back to Granny Sylta's house in time for Christmas dinner?

Lost in Christmas Wonderland is a story about courage, kindness, friendship, the importance of family, and the magic of Christmas.

Bella's Big Caribbean Adventure

School is out for the summer and Bella is off to St Vincent and the Grenadines with her mum Isabel, Granny Sylta, Iris, and Tommy. This is not just any holiday, because Bella and Iris are going to be bridesmaids at Clara's wedding, her mum's best friend.

When Bella and the rest of the family arrive at Clara's plush villa in Cane Garden, she and Iris have the opportunity to view their dresses before the big day. The dresses are locked up in a wardrobe that is so old not only does it take ten minutes to open, but you can barely turn the lock.

But after a minor distraction, they miss the chance to view their dresses. Bella and Iris must now wait another week before they can see them. Feeling incredibly impatient, Bella sneaks the wardrobe key to finally have a peek at the dresses. But when a ball sails over the garden wall, the unexpected happens and one silly mistake changes everything and her Big Caribbean Adventure turns into something she could never have imagined. Bella's Big Caribbean Adventure is a story about the importance of patience, teamwork and never giving up.



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THREE WAYS TO BE BRAVE



Karla Clark

Told in gentle, rhyming couplets, this collection of stories presents relatable moments of unease and the strength found in conquering fears. A roaring nighttime thunderstorm, the first day of preschool, and a doctor's visit, in turn, encourage young readers to forge their own paths of strength in times of distress. Illustrated in rich, emotional scenes that depict vignettes of daily life, this book provides comfort and empowerment for resilience and resolution.

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Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I write fiction for adults and children, but picture books are my passion! I first self-published three novels, a collection of short stories, and two children's books before I landed a literary agent who now represents me for both my adult and children's books.

In the past three years I have released three picture books—You Be Mommy and You Be Daddy (Macmillan) and Three Ways To Be Brave: A Trio of Stories (Penguin)—and have two additional books are coming out in the next two years: You Be Grandma and You Be Grandpa (Macmillan). I am represented by Connor Eck of Lucinda Literary. I live with my husband and son in Rockford, Illinois, happily close to Madison, Wisconsin, where my older son lives.

When not writing, you can find me in my art studio creating paper collages and digital art that I sell on my website (www.karlaclarkauthor.com) and at art shows. Someday I hope to write and illustrate a picture book.

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

Inspired by my father, a consummate storyteller, I wrote my first novel at the age of fourteen. I still have it—written on different-colored loose-leaf paper in blue, black, and even green ink. It's terrible and I knew it, but it got me started on the path!

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

The first children's book I ever wrote was called Frank The Snake. It was inspired by my little brother who used to make "potions" out of mustard, ketchup, milk, garlic powder and whatever else he could find in the kitchen to lure garter snakes out from under the porch. I never could get the story right...I may revisit it someday.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

You Be Mommy has really done well! It was featured by Barnes & Noble and Target for Mother's Day promotion and included in two children's subscription book clubs: Bookroo and EqualOpportunityBox. It was released in a board book format this March and it will soon be published in Brazil and translated to Portuguese. You Be Daddy made a big splash on Father's Day and for AAPI Heritage Month. Both You Be Daddy and You Be Mommy were featured book readings on the kid's TikTok-like platform Zigazoo.

Three Ways to Be Brave: A Trio of Stories is creating some early buzz! Illustrations from the book by Swedish artist Jeff Ostberg have been selected for the Society of Illustrators' Original Art Show in New York City. This book is not your typical one-story, 32-page picture book. Penguin editor Cecily Kaiser worked with me to expand my original manuscript into three separate stories about children faces their fears—in a thunderstorm, on the first day of school, and at the doctor's office. The book is told in short rhyming couplets and my hopes are that children will be empowered to look within for courage.

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

I love children and they love me back! Before I had children of my own, neighbor kids used to ring my doorbell and ask if I could come out and play! My nieces and nephews dubbed me "Auntie Fun"! My favorite thing in the world is to make children smile!

And since I am an artist as well as an author, I look at picture books as fine art. Stories and art—my two favorite things!

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

My own children and my nieces and nephews—now adults—inspired my stories.

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

Yes, that books really are magic and that anything you want to be or do in life will require good reading and writing skills. But more importantly, reading is fun!





Sophie Washington

Secret Santa

Christmas is three weeks away and a mysterious "Santa" has been mailing presents to sixth grader Sophie Washington in this adorable, illustrated chapter book for middle grade readers. There is no secret Santa gift exchange going on at her school, so she can't imagine who it could be. Sophie's best friends, Chloe, Valentina, and Mariama guess the gift giver is either Nathan Jones or Toby Johnson, two boys in Sophie's class who have liked her in the past, but she's not so sure. Sophie uncovers clues to find her secret Santa and the final reveal is bigger than any package she's opened on Christmas morning. It's a holiday surprise she'll never forget!

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Tonya Duncan Ellis

Tonya Duncan Ellis has had her nose in a book since she learned to read, so it's no surprise that she'd one day become a writer. She is author of the bestselling Sophie Washington children's book series, a former journalist, and a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI), the Authors Guild, and the Brown Bookshelf's Highlights Foundation-sponsored, Amplify Black Stories storyteller cohort. In 2021, she won the Austin SCBWI Cynthia Leitich Smith Writing Mentor Award. Fluent in French, Tonya loves learning about other cultures and has traveled to 49 states and 20 countries. She lives in Houston, Texas with her husband and three children.

I Miss You

My hands trace the map of my old dog's **SNOUT**.
it is a terrain that I have memorised like scripture.

My head rests on his belly.
His bones cut through his soft skin,
breath in sync with my heartbeat.

He says 'I need to leave. I'm tired.'
My fists clench

Into something that *resembles* denial.
I say 'Not yet, you are brave. You will get better.'

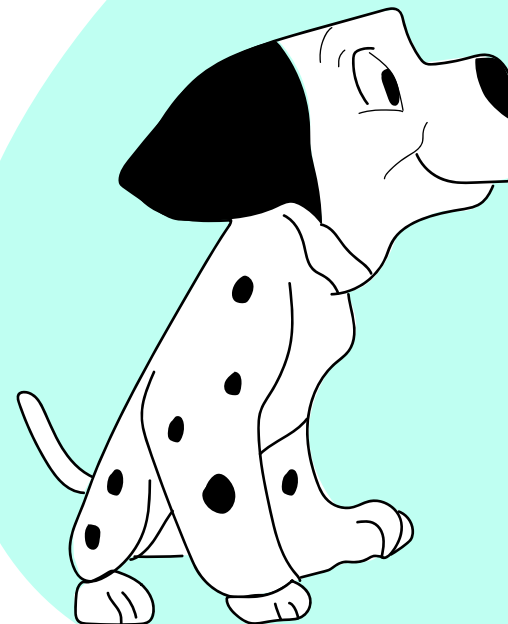
He looks into my eyes, and he says
'My leaving will not change anything.'
I say, 'It will.'

His **BREATHING** slows.

My tears start falling.

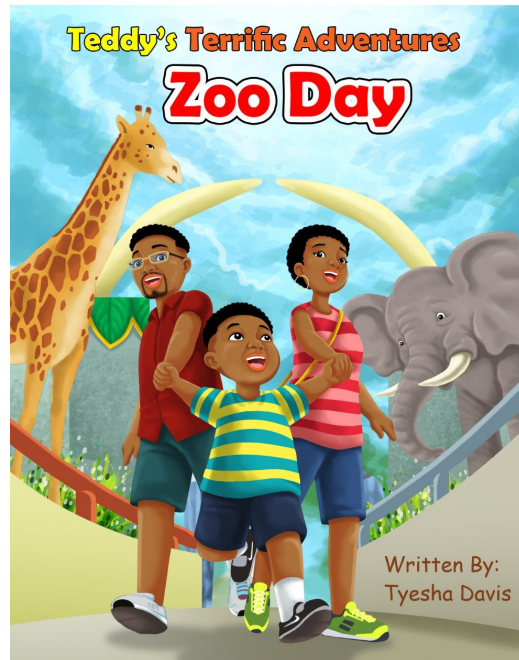
I hear him say something that sounds like
'I love you.'

My tears don't stop.
His photo still hangs on my wall.
I trace my hands
Across his digitized snout, and say
'I miss you.'



By Trisha Rath
Age: 14 years old

Teddy's Terrific Adventures



TYESHA DAVIS



Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I am a wife, mom, and self-published author residing in Fort Worth, TX. I work as a Project Manager, and my education includes a Master of Science in Business Administration-Management, a Master of Science in Human Resource Management, and a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership.

I have a 4-year-old son, Teddy, and he is the main character of my book series, "Teddy's Terrific Adventures." I have been a bookworm all my life. As a small child, I read any and everything I could get my hands on. I developed a love of literature very early in life, and it is my goal to share my love of literature with our little ones at an early age. Reading and writing are my passions in life!

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

I started writing as a child in elementary school. I have always loved to read books. My favorite books as a child were, The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis, Nancy Drew Mysteries, and the Sweet Valley High series. My reading led to writing short stories and poetry and became a way for me to express myself.

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

I wrote many stories as a child. I still have a story I wrote in 7th grade and I have been considering publishing it.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

My books are about the fun and love of childhood and diversity in literature. My books have colorful illustrations, rhyme, and quick facts for early readers to learn while enjoying the story.

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

I choose kids as my reader because childhood is such a magical time of life. I have a four-year-old son, and he has been my inspiration to write children's books. I love to view the world through his eyes. My goal is to create fun and diverse books with relatable scenarios so families, teachers, and caregivers can use reading to engage with each other and have fun while learning.

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

The stories I created for the Teddy's Terrific Adventures book series came from daily interactions with my son. The book Zoo Day was an actual family day we had at the zoo. Dinosaur in the Grocery Store is an elevation of imagination based on my son ALWAYS wanting to bring his T-Rex toy to the store when we go shopping. My son is truly my muse.

The Shine On! book series promotes positive images of black and brown children and representation in literature by creating characters who look like them so they can see themselves in the story. The Shine On! book series goal is to promote self-confidence and self-love.

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

"Life is an adventure; go on as many as you can. Learn new things, meet new people and explore." excerpt from Teddy's Terrific Adventures Zoo Day

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DINO-MITE!

Beppie & Justin 'Dunna' McDonough



Stephanie Nhan (Beppie) is a JUNO nominated recording artist and an award winning music educator based out of Edmonton, Alberta. Her multi-genre music is refreshingly modern and is filled with imagination, humour, and the kind of radio quality production that appeals to audiences of all ages. She is pushing the boundaries of children's music and stepping far out of the framework with her vivid imagery and genre bending songwriting. Stephanie provides programming and performances for schools, festivals, and libraries all across Canada. The inspiration for her albums comes from her students and her three young children. You can listen to Beppie's music anywhere you stream your music online.

www.beppiemusic.com



Larry is a Tyrannosaurus. Joe is a Pterodactyl. Joe made up a brand new dance that he can't wait to share with his best friend Larry. Not to be outdone, Larry decides to make up his own dance - and that's when things get crazy! Join this adorable duo on their hilarious prehistoric adventures as they share their brand new moves and grooves with the world. It's Dino-mite!

Each paperback book comes with a free download of Beppie's fourth full-length album!

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Beppie



AN INTERVIEW WITH CHEF GOLDIE

Goldie, the pet Golden Retriever had recently won the award for the most popular chef in Petland. Reporter Honey arrived today to interview him.

Honey: Good Evening popular Chef Goldie! What inspired you to turn into a chef?

Goldie: Well, you know, when Rony brought me to this home, he read to me many stories related to food. The best one was the one in which Tutu monkey helped Rusty's granny create the cake batter.

Honey: What are your favourite dishes?

Goldie: My favourite dish is Chicken stew and teacake. I enjoy preparing it with lots of love and care for all my friends.

Honey: Do you plan to write and compile a cookbook which includes the recipes of your most popular dishes?

Goldie: Sure enough! I plan to compile and get my cookbook, with the title 'Goldie's Best Treats' published before my next birthday in May.

Honey: Best wishes to you for your future endeavours. Bye!

Goldie: Thank you, reporter Honey. Do inform all the pets to visit my restaurant 'Treat Home' for pets and taste the delicacies specially prepared for them with love and care. Bye lick, lick.. slurppp

By Hrijoy Lahiri
Age: 7 years



Dr. Khalid White



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LITTLE BROTHER

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

My name is Khalid White. I am a public school educator, author, filmmaker, and father of 2 daughters. I'm a person that is in love with the art of storytelling.

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

My personal journey as a writer began, firstly, as a child with a love of reading. As a kid in third or fourth grade, I began creating flipbooks and short stories as a hobby.

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

As an adult writer, my first story was Black Fatherhood: Trials & Tribulations. It was published independently in 2016. The book has gone on to do very well and has received a ton of community support for its message of supporting fathers and families.



Join Jelani, Kenya and their little brother, Khari, as they laugh, play and learn about responsibility.

Perfect for readers Pre K-3rd grade.
 For the culture, by the culture, celebrating the culture.

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Q: Tell us something more about your books?

My books range in intended audience from kids to adults. But each of the books I've written include elements of cultural storytelling. For my kids' books, youth will see themselves as a part of the story. For my books for adults and young adults, they will see themselves and their experiences reflected within the books as well. My books are reflective of the resilience, brilliance, and greatness that our people possess.

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

I chose kids as my reading audience because I want children to develop a love for reading, as I did. And I wanted Black and Brown youth to see themselves and their cultures represented in books they read. Reading helps to build kids' self esteem, imagination, and their goals. Reading opens new doors for youth. Plus, reading and critical thinking are ways to help youth avoid some of the pitfalls of life that exist. Simply put, Readers Are Leaders!

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

The stories for kids and their characters really came from me watching the kids in my life play, laugh, and interact with each other. For my book, Little Brother, my kids, my nieces and nephews became inspirations for the characters and for the story. Then, writing books for kids just blossomed from there. So, in the case of my childrens' books, art imitates life.

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

To my readers, continue to love, continue to read, and continue to lead. Readers Are Leaders!

DADDY'S GIRL

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"Daddy's Girl" is book about a little girl who wants to spend more time with her Daddy, he surprises her with a day of fun.

Book Is Available at
www.carolyncozartcreations.com

Heidi

My Name Is Heidi, I am a Self Published Author/Songwriter of African American Children's Books. I Write Fun Rhyming Books Kids Will Enjoy. Carolyn Cozart Creations Was Created In Honor of My Mother, Mrs Carolyn Cozart.

"Daddy's Girl" by A'Shiya Roberson is available on all Major Platforms.



MIRROR

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YOU ARE BRAVER,
 THAN YOU BELIEVE,
 STRONGER THAN YOU SEEM,
 AND SMARTER
 THAN YOU THINK.
 MERRY CHRISTMAS
 TO ALL THE
 COOLEST KIDS!

Hold the page up to a mirror and find out What it says.



Christmas Countdown with **Jasper** *The Island Hopper*

With only 7 days away from his favorite day of the year, Jasper has a long list of things to do to ensure that his Christmas is perfect.

Join Jasper on this countdown where he does one task per day. Will the seven days be enough and will Jasper be happy on Christmas Day?

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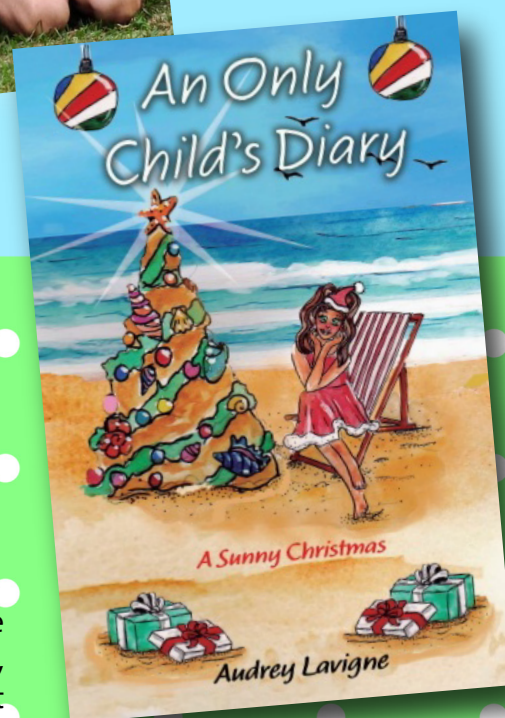
Audrey Lavigne

Born in the Seychelles, Audrey Lavigne is a passionate author with a love for fiction and children's books. She enjoys crafting unique stories to educate and inspire readers of all ages. When not writing, Audrey loves traveling and spending quality time with her family and her dog, Jasper.

An Only Child's Diary **A Sunny Christmas**

Enjoy the story of her incredible life in this second diary, where Alyssa turns 12 and learn how she spends Christmas in her country, the Seychelles. Without snow Christmas is still celebrated with a lot of fun too.

However, Alyssa will have to face 2 sad issues: Her mother is not feeling well and her best friend might be moving away.



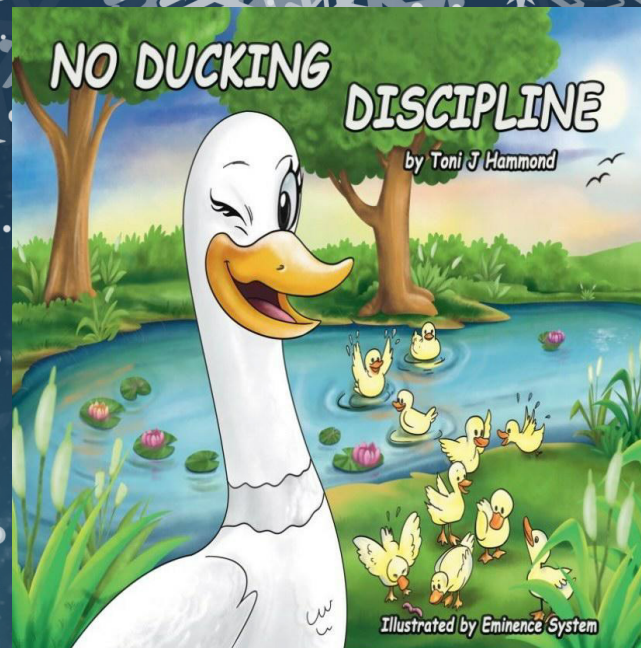
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NEW RELEASE

NO DUCKING DISCIPLINE

Toni J Hammond



This is a heartwarming story about a mother duck and her ducklings. Each duckling follows mom while taking a stroll through nature. It uniquely expresses how the mother duck corrects and instructs her young ducklings. This colorful picture book is full of beautiful illustrations for children ages 4 – 6 (beginning readers, preschool – first grade).

Toni J Hammond

Toni J Hammond is in the field of education. She enjoys reading, cooking and gardening. She wrote her books to appeal to beginning readers and hope they help them develop a love of reading. May you find the books delightful.

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BOOK RECOMMENDATION



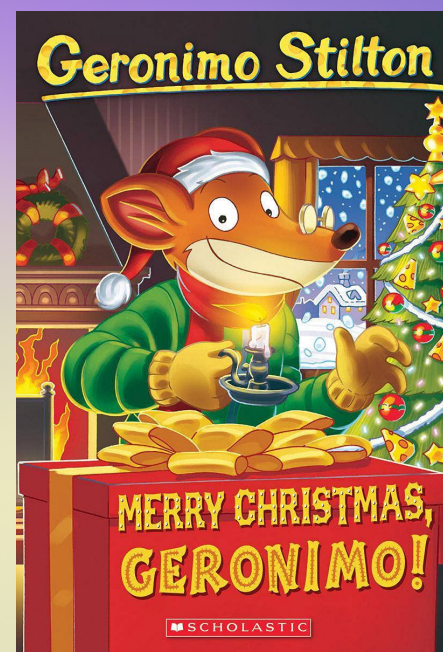
Name: The Christmas Pig

Author: J.K. Rowling

Publisher: Scholastic Inc.

Pages: 288 pages

Description: A heartwarming, page-turning adventure about one child's love for his most treasured thing, and how far he will go to find it. A tale for the whole family to fall in love with, from one of the world's greatest storytellers. One boy and his toy are about to change everything...



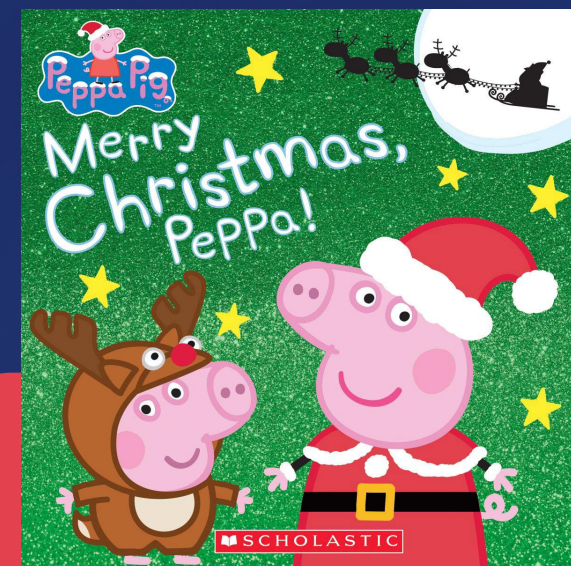
Name: Merry Christmas, Geronimo!

Publisher: Scholastic.inc

Pages: 122 pages

Description: I was so excited about Christmas I could hardly squeak! My nephew Benjamin and I were going to trim the tree and eat lots of delicious Christmas cheesy chews but before you could say cat alert disaster struck: I tipped over my tail and ended up in the hospital and then my mouse hole caught on fire! Holey cheese this was turning out to be the worst Christmas ever!

Book Recommendation



Name: Merry Christmas, Peppa!

Publisher: Scholastic Inc.

Pages: 24 pages

Description: 'Tis the season for Peppa Pig! Join Peppa, George, Mummy Pig, Daddy Pig, and all of their friends as they celebrate Christmas in this adorably sweet story-book. Peppa loves Christmas. It's filled with family time, fun, and of course, presents! But this year Peppa loves her presents TOO much . . . she plays too rough and gets hurt! Can it still be a merry Christmas after all? This book makes a perfect holiday gift or read-aloud storytime for little ones. It also comes with a glitter cover!

Christmas

Santa

Run!

Roll a dice and play this game with your friends.
Answer those questions and Help Santa to collect all those gifts
so he will deliver them on time.

2 What Day Of The Year Is Christmas Day 2021 ?

11 What Date Is Christmas eve on?

14 Where Does Santa Live?





*Merry
Christmas*



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