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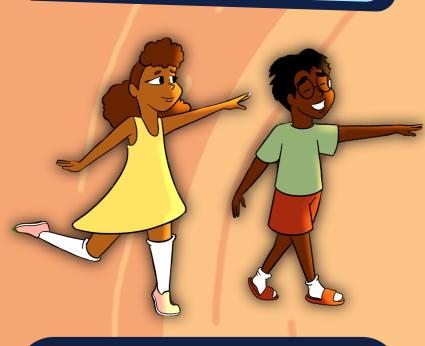
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Editor's Note

Dear Friends,

February is Black History Month and brings several excellent excuses to partake of life's best things: celebrations of love, civil rights achievements, and Nutella day. Raising a happy and confident child in this big world is the most difficult job for a parent, so it is important to encourage and empower them to be brave and confident. Love is the best and most beautiful thing in this world that cannot be seen or touched but just felt in the heart. It is important to tell them that they are always loved and have the capability to make this world a better place to live for all.

We dedicated this month's edition to Black history and incorporated books, articles, games, and activities that promote love, diversity, and inclusion. I hope you all will like it, and please share your feedback at kidliomag@gmail.com

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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Why We Celebrate Black History Month In February?

Black History Month wouldn't have been possible without **Negro History Week**'s creation in the United States in 1926. Famous historian **Carter G. Woodson** and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History proclaimed the second week of February to be observed as Negro History Week.

Woodson chose the second week in February, as it encompassed both **Frederick Douglass**' birthday on February 14 and **Abraham Lincoln's** birthday on February 12.

Since the inception of this event, the main focus was to encourage the teaching of the history of Black Americans in educational institutes, particularly at the primary level. The departments of education of Delaware, North Carolina, and West Virginia were very cooperative. The overall reception was lukewarm, but Woodson considered it a success and "one of the most fortunate steps ever taken by the Association."

In February 1969, the idea for Black History Month was promoted by Black students and educators at Kent State University, followed by the first celebration of Black History Month on campus and local surroundings one year later. Fast forward six years and Black History Month was widely being celebrated across the country, and not only in schools, colleges, and community centers. In 1976, President Gerald Ford praised Black History Month, urging all citizens to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

The creation of Black History Month also led to some controversy. Celebrating Black history for one month seemed too confining, with many labeling it downright inappropriate. Another concern was that Black History Month would glamorize the delicate subject and lead to Black historical figures being simplified as heroes.



Auggie Bear Publishing Presents Clara J. Johns Literary Award 2022



Auggie Bear Publishing announces its first Annual Clara J. Johns Literary Award 2022. This award is in recognition of an incredibly loving, and dedicated reading specialist that served decades in the Pennsylvania Public School Systems. At 91 years young, Mrs. Johns continues to be a staunch advocate for the literary community, encouraging children to read and model a love of reading. She knows the importance of reading in the development of children which can significantly benefit a child's life and future. Clara's unbridled commitment to children's literacy is unmatched.

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Naomi V. Dunsen-White

Why Am I Here?

A Child's Book About Purpose

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I am a former educator and foster care specialist. I've always loved working with children and families. My undergraduate studies were in Family Science and Psychology and my graduate degree is in Teaching.

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

I would definitely say that my writing journey began in childhood. I was an early reader and I truly loved to read. I believe that developed into a love for writing also. I was a quiet child, so reading and writing were a perfect outlet for my curiosity and creativity. I imagined more from every story I read. I had imaginary playmates also, so making up grand stories about other people was enjoyable for me. Q: When did you write your first story? Is it published or not?

I wrote my first children's story about 15 years ago. I haven't published it yet, but I believe I will. Shortly thereafter, I wrote Johari The Great, which became my first published book.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

I use my experience and education to write books for children that promote diversity, self-discovery and self-esteem. I use main characters of Color in my books because books are for ALL children, not just some children. Therefore, ALL children should be able to see themselves in the books they read. It's crucial. It helps them to feel that they, too, have an important place in the world around them. Then, they can imagine themselves anywhere, doing everything, just like the characters in their books. Diversity in children's literature is vital.

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

I chose children as my readers because I believe that I am called to speak to them. That is my purpose. Using my words to speak into the lives of children is a great honor and privilege. But it comes with a great responsibility, which I do not take lightly. I believe that all children have a gift within them, waiting to be discovered. It is up to us, the adults in their lives, to help them discover it. I seek to help by writing stories that invite them to discover just how great they really are. Q: How did these stories and characters come to your mind?

My first book, Johari The Great, was originally a short story I wrote as a birthday gift for my oldest grandson, Johari. Once I finished it, it was clear that it was meant to be more. It was meant to be shared. My second book, "Why Am I Here? A Child's Book About Purpose" came to mind as I reflected on the social and racial issues that exist in America. I wanted to write to teach and encourage children that no matter who they were, where they were from or what they looked like, they each had a unique purpose in life and deserved a future that was bright.

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

Yes! My message is that the diversity gap that exists in the children's literature needs to be closed. We live in a world of many cultures, many nations and many people. In the United States alone, the population is made up of countless nationalities. If we are to teach children about the world, then let us teach them about the real world, not one in which only one portion of the population dominates. We should teach them to celebrate the beauty of diversity and appreciate the reality of equity and inclusion. Let them see ALL children in their books - children with different skin colors, different backgrounds, different languages, and differently-abled bodies too! That will always be my message. That will always be my heart's desire for the children.

"Why Am I Here? - A Child's Book About Purpose" is a beautifully illustrated book that teaches children about purpose and exploring the unique path and place they each have in this world. The story follows two children of Color who wonder about their place in life and where the future will lead them. As they consider possibilities to the question, "Why Am I Here?" the answers go from whimsical to meaningful, as they are guided into fun possibilities and positive realizations. Diversity, unity and inclusion are celebrated! Regardless of their circumstances, background, skin color or body ability... every child needs to know that they each have a unique purpose and a future that is bright! Questions are included in the back of the book to promote understanding and encourage family discussion.

Website:www.naomibooks.com

Why AM I Here? A Child's Book About Purpose

Why Am I Here?

Naomi V. Dunsen-White Illustrated by Megan D. Rizzo

Author Interview Ashleigh Henry



DO NOT CRY BLACK LIVES MATTER

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I am an internationally known author of six books, a publisher, a ghostwriter, a speaker, a mentor, and an editor. I have co-authored six other books as well. As a published author, I use my expertise to help authors publish their books. At Ashleigh Publishing LLC, I publish books to Barnes & Nobles, Walmart, Target, Amazon & more. Authors learn how to market their books to earn more sales while building an author platform. It's more than book publishing for me. It's helping you take your author's dreams to new levels.

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

My journey began as a writer from a child. My mother saw the gift of writing in me, and she prayed that God's divine purpose will manifest in my life. She always tells me I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I thank God for her because I would not be who I am today without her prayers.

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

I wrote my first story in 2012 and I published it in 2019.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

I am an author of six books that are available on Amazon and other online retailers such as Walmart, Target, Barnes and nobles and more. As a writer, I create a voice for the voiceless. I use my words to uplift and my pen to empower people from all over the world. My books encourage children, men, and women to work hard to achieve their future goals.

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

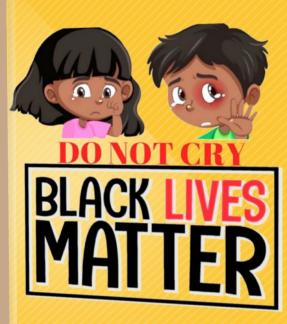
I choose kids as my readers because they are our future. I believe we should educate our children because education is the key to success.

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

God strategically speaks to me, and he tells me what I should write to bring my stories to life.

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

In closing, I want my readers to never give up on their dreams. The sky is the limit when there are footprints on the moon. To accomplish great things, we must not only act but also dream not only plan but also believe. The only thing that stands between a person and what they want in life is the will to try it, and the faith to believe it is possible.



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Unspoken Words: A Youth's Untold Story



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Mitchell is battling depression and is desperately in need of direction. He struggles with the harsh reality of feeling alone. Read this moving story to find out if he will find the help that he needs. available at

amazon **Monique** Jefferson

Monique Jefferson is the proud parent of two dynamic children, Roderick and Arianna Russell. She is a proud South Carolina State University alumna where she received her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood. She is an educator at Brookdale Elementary School in Orangeburg, SC. She is also the author of Teach Me and Unspoken Words: A Youth's Untold Story. Monique is extremely passionate about educating and writing stories that can change the narrative of how people in communities like hers communicate about various issues. One of her main goals is that these books will be conversation starters that will help children as well as adults develop into the best versions of themselves as possible. She believes everyone has the ability to be Driven Right Into Purpose (D.R.I.P).

THE ADVENTURES OF MAHALIA AND MALCOLM THE ROBINSONS

AUTHOR INTERVIEW The Adventures of Mahalia and Malcolm **The Robinsons**

Mahalia and Malcolm know that they do not belong to the typical African American family, but that doesn't stop them from loving their family and just being kids. After their home is invaded by a masked stranger, the siblings set off on a brave and daring adventure to rescue their family. Plunged into an incredible battle to save the family, the kids struggle with the normal fears and anxieties, but they soon discover the enormous range of their superpowers! They also discover incredible secrets about their family: like Douglass: the family's robot and RedTail1, the family's aircraft. The most important discovery they uncover is the courage that it takes to keep a superhero family together. Filled with excitement and riveting escapades, The Adventures of Mahalia and Malcolm: the Robinsons, is the perfect book to show young readers that superheroes come in all shapes, sizes, colors, and ages!

Website:www.teranceshipman.com





am a 28-year veteran teacher. I spent much of his teaching career working with elementary-aged students. In fact, he spent his first 11 years teaching kindergarten! I received my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the Tuskegee University in 1992. After obtaining this degree, I attended Hampton University in Virginia and obtain a Master's degree in Elementary Education in 1994. For the next 13 years, I was an elementary teacher in Atlanta Public School System. Most of his time at APS was spent as a kindergarten teacher, and in 2009 I earned his Educational Specialist degree from University of West Georgia in Administration Supervision and soon after I complete my doctoral degree at Clark Atlanta University in 2013. Since completing my final degree, has worked with middle school and high school aged students. I am now teaching elementary again. I'm a husband to the beautiful Prudence Shipman, father of five wonderful children one daughter and four sons. I also have a handsome arandson.

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Prudence Williams

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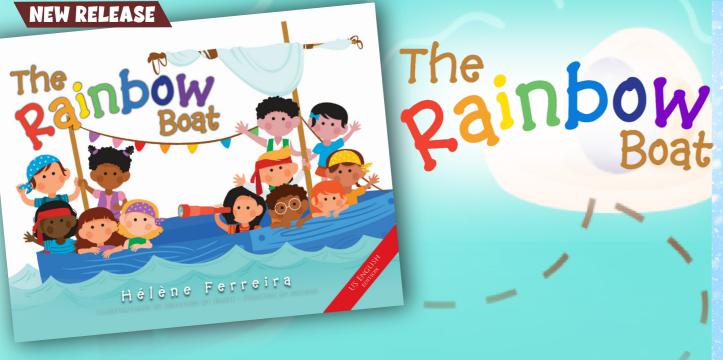
TERANCE L. SHIPMAN

Prudence Williams has been writing for over 40 years, but it took Ruby to convince her to publish a fictional story because this big sassy dog needed a story of her own. A 27-year veteran teacher, Prudence is a proud graduate of the University of Georgia and a big fan of the Bulldawgs. Having taught middle school children for all her career, Prudence loves working with children and hopes her books inspire the love of reading in kids. Prudence has also published a learning workbook for elementary aged students, Mr. Shipman's Kindergarten Chronicles: The 1st Day of School Learning Workbook Aligned with Common Core ELA Standards.9

PRUDENCE WILLIAMS



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Take an exciting boat trip with the crew of children in this delightful picture book. It's sure to be a journey full of adventure and color! As they sail across the aquamarine seas, they encounter island after island full of promise, fun and a little taste of danger. With every new challenge the crew have to face, they learn a lesson and earn their stripe. Climb aboard and sail along to see if they can find their happy place in the sun.

The Rainbow Boat is the first book in The Blanket Tree Books series. These are stand-alone children's picture books for ages 4-10. available at

Website:sandandglitter.com

amazon

Hélène Ferreira

Hélène Ferreira is a physiotherapist and mom blogger from South Africa. She is a wife, sister, daughter, friend, traveler, hobbyist and mother of two.

She is inspired by nature, music, classic fairy tales and people's life stories. In her physiotherapy career and travels, she has been blessed and privileged to share in many life adventures, heartbreak and lovely conversations.

Having children for her means reliving the wonder of seeing and experiencing things for the first time: a butterfly, snow falling, cycling downhill. As a parent, it also means being part of their development and growth, the big challenge being to nurture, shape and lead brand new human beings!

Her vision of creating happily diverse, modern-day fairy tales became a reality during lockdown. It was a time of tragedy and challenge, but also of growth, renewal and new opportunities. The Blanket Tree Books truly became a family project, where her kids helped edit the text, illustrations and sheet music (in The Storm Tree) and her husband was wonderfully supportive. Hélène Ferreira would like to thank everyone who has shared in this journey. The hope is to uplift each other through kindness and understanding.



NEW YEAR MAGIC

STORY

This New Year we did not have a Christmas tree. Friends were supposed to come to my party. But we couldn't buy a real Christmas tree a thorny scent, fluffy beauty. When my mother left for work, I asked her to buy garlands and toys to somehow decorate the rooril.

I have been preparing for the New Year for a long time. My parents knew and allowed me to call my friends. But we were at odds with my best friend - Anvar. And I was not going to put up with him. On the contrary, I wanted to take revenge on him this year. Although, dad always told me: «Do not dig a hole for another — you can fall into it yourself)).

And he warned that Santa does not present gifts to bad children. But I didn't care, I was very angry with Anvar and did not want to forgive him. In the afternoon we met with a former friend. He started talking first: «Let's put up, because soon the New Year. All quarrels must be left in the past. Let's make a snowman together and call it Friendship". I decided not to continue the war and make peace with a friend: «Come to me tomorrow for the New Year party. It will be fun. Only we will not have a Christmas tree we did not have time to buy it). When I was saying that to Anvar, I saw my mother walking home and carrying a big beautiful fluffy tree in her hands! I was so staring at her that I even fell. It was such a big, cool surprise!

Probably, they say the truth that New Year should be celebrated with friends, in a good mood and without bad thoughts. Then all wishes will come true and the whole year will be good. I had a great New Year party with my best friends and nice family! I am sure that this year will be happy and successful for everyone and for me! Happy New Year to everybody!

> ABDULLOH ABDUMOMINOV (Uzbek young writer) Uzbekistan, Tashkent Age: 13

School: 102 Grade: 7

Sherrika Myers

HERBIE GOES TO SCHOOL

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

My name is s, I am married with kids and a proud grandmother of many. I am a Children's Book Author, Certified Life Coach, Eric Thomas National Speaker, founder of Every 1 Voice Matters & Lil Herbie Series and creator of Lil Herbie The Anti-bullying mascot

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

My journey as a writer physically started two years ago, but the passion behind telling my story has been with me all my life.

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

My first book was published in 2019

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

Lil Herbie Series Book Collection is geared towards social-emotional learning, which are the tools kids can use in and outside of the classroom to become successful. Lil Herbie who is the main character, was born with a speech impediment called stuttering and he went through issues with being teased, laugh at, ignored and didn't feel like his voice mattered because of it. Through out the series, he has to develop thick skin and self-love and realizes that his voice matters just like everybody else's, and he should not allow anything to hinder him from becoming the best version of himself.

This is book two of the Lil Herbie Series, aimed at children ages four to ten.

Herbie's family has moved to another state and bought a new home, and now Lil Herbie must go to a new school and make new friends. He is afraid and doesn't want to go. He fears all the kids will laugh at him because he stutters. But he finally goes to school, and soon he realizes it is not as bad as he thought.

Often the thing you fear the most turns out to be just in your own mind. Whatever kids are dealing with, whether it be stuttering, low self-esteem, or anything else, each child's voice matters, and they should always know they are special too.



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

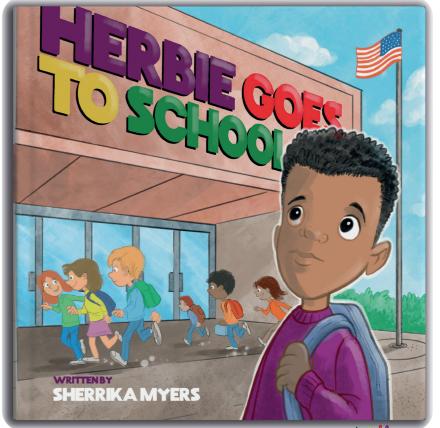
I chose kids as readers, because that is when you start to develop into who you really are and because of my own challenges as a kid who grew up stuttering, I know how different issues you go through as a kid can stay with you and hinder you in life. I don't want kids to have to wait until they get my age to realize that all things are possible, despite their challenges like I did.

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

The character is named after and look like my my oldest grandson Lil Herbert who also stutters, but the real character is the child that has suffered inside of me with all those challenges and once I started to love and accepted who I was and not to allow my past to determine my future, I decided to finally birth him and tell my story in children's form to help other kids. I am the real Lil Herbie

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

It doesn't matter what people say or think about you, always remember that everybody is created uniquely different and that Every 1 Voice Matters and that includes yours. Never allow anything to hinder you from becoming the best version of yourself.



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NEW RELEASE

The Game Series Molly Perry

Like most people I have many sides. My social side is an outgoing person who enjoys meeting new people and being with family and friends. As a teacher, I enjoy being with my students and helping them become independent learners; an experience I find extremely satisfying. As a writer I love getting lost in the process of writing. I follow my characters on amazing journeys and watch as they solve problems and grow as people. Now learning the world of publishing is a new and unfamiliar side that I'm working hard to develop. I like the challenge.



It all started with The Game. Ten year old Jimmy found it in his father's struggling Children's Museum. Jimmy, along with his 13 year old sister Lilly and friend Jamal are sent by The Game to a most unusual land. With two unexpected traveling companions they work to try and save Isadore Benefactor and the land of Sweet Abundance from the villain John Heartless. It is a wild ride that you can't help but enjoy! And, just like Jimmy, Lilly and Jamal, will not soon forget. available at





The Letter from Sweet Abundance

The color is disappearing from the cartoon world of Sweet Abundance! Does that mean it will disappear? Jimmy, Lilly and Jamal receive a letter begging for their help, sending them off on another adventure. Little did they know, Eddie, a mean bully from school, followed them into Sweet Abundance. Will they be able to help? Come along and see what happens! Word Search

Your friends need your help, can you draw hairs for them, here are some examples for you.



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Our latest book Surrounded by Numbers is a fun and colorful math book. Have you ever noticed that we are surrounded by numbers everywhere we go? Yes, numbers just jump out from everywhere. Follow Isaiah as he runs errands with his family and finds numbers all around his neighborhood. available at

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Latoshia Martin is an educator with fifteen years of teaching experience in Homestead, FL. Mrs. Martin is an independent author whose children's books inspire a love of reading and build confidence for children ages 3 to 9. Working with children for years, and having two children of her own, are what developed her passion for creating resources to promote early literacy. Mrs. Martin's books present stories derived from real-life situations, and have a positive representation of African-American protagonists. To extend the themes found in each book, Mrs. Martin provides supplemental materials that may be adopted by parents and educators to support emotional well-being and personal growth for children whether at home or school.



Q: First tell us something about yourself?

Well I am a holistic therapist for over 20 years -Reflexology and Reiki Master. I am a mum of four fantastic boys. I love to walk in nature and am a huge fan of meditation

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

My journey as a writer started earlier this year after meditation -I wrote 8 books in the space of two hours they all just came to me -I have a series of books coming out -my next book is Amazing Austin -he had Downs Syndrome.

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

I wrote my first book in May 2021, it was just published in Dec 2021

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

My books are aimed at 3-7 year old and are about self image and empowerment. I have based it on a very powerful mentorship program. I am enrolled in Thinking into Results and in books I read about improving self image, developing resilience and seeing the best side of life, realizing how important our thinking process is and how much it influences the quality of our lives.

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

I chose children's books because I as a mum wanted to help! I found myself at times struggling to help my own children with struggles -big and small- so when I started to understand this material I felt I had to share.

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

The concepts are so simple but so powerful and what a lovely way to convey a message than through these very friendly and relatable characters via colorful pictures, a simple story and lovely quality time.

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

I would love for my readers to come away with the simple messages from my books and put them into practice in their lives and share the messages ! I would love them to enjoy the pictures and scenarios and create their own amazing stories with new awareness.

Grateful Grainne

Written by:

Martina Parker

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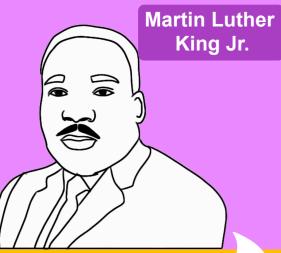
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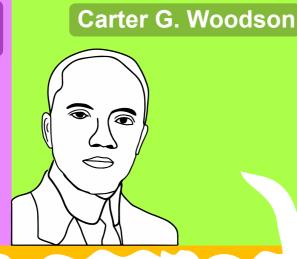
Sofia Lagatta

Martina Parker

Grateful Grainne is the perfect way to show children that it is fabulous to have an 'attitude of gratitude'. Being thankful for what we have is a wonderful daily habit to learn from a very young age. Children learn the concept that the more we are grateful for right now the more we are given to be grateful for. available at

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Martin Luther King Jr. Powered by faith, inspired by Gandhi and motivated by hope for equal treatment for all. Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesman and leader in the American civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968.

Carter G. Woodson was a scholar whose dedication to celebrating the historic contributions of Black people led to the establishment of Black History Month, marked every February since 1976. Woodson fervently believed that Black people should be proud of their heritage and all Americans should understand the largely overlooked achievements of Black Americans.

She was named the first Revnolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Maya Angelou was an American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist. She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry, and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years.

Maya

Angelou

Madam C.J. Walker was an African American entrepreneur, philanthropist, and political and social activist. She is recorded as the first female self-made millionaire in America she was considered the wealthiest African-American businesswoman and wealthiest self-made black woman in America.

Madam

C. J. Walker

Mae Jemison Š Ð

Mae Carol Jemison is an American engineer, physician, and former NASA astronaut. She became the first black woman to travel into space when she served as a mission specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour. Jemison joined NASA's astronaut corps in 1987 and was selected to serve for the STS-47 mission, during which she orbited the Earth for nearly eight days on September 12-20, 1992.

BLACK AISTORY AERIES

Bessie Coleman soared across the sky as the first African American, and the first Native American, woman pilot. Known for performing flying tricks, Coleman's nicknames were; "Brave Bessie," "Queen Bess," and "The Only Race Aviatrix in the World." Her goal was to encourage women and African Americans to reach their dreams. Unfortunately, her career ended with a tragic plane crash, but her life continues to inspire people around the world.

Rosa Parks Often called "The Mother of the Civil Rights Movement," Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white male passenger on a public bus in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955. Four days later, black people in the city organized a boycott of the city's buses that lasted for over a year. This collective protest employed Martin Luther King Jr. as its spokesperson and initiated the beginning of the civil rights movement.

Booker Taliaferro Washington was an American educator, author, orator, and adviser to several presidents of the United States. Between 1890 and 1915, Washington was the dominant leader in the African American community and of the contemporary black elite.

Frederick Douglass Born a slave to a mother he would only see a few times in his life and a white father he'd never meet, Frederick Douglass resolved to escape his harsh life and help other African Americans do the same, through abolition. He published multiple autobiographies about his life as a slave, acting as a spokesperson for equality. He wasn't only a leader of the black community, but to all, fighting for equal rights of women and minorities during his lifetime.

She became the first woman in American history to lead a military assault. Harriet Tubman helped to organise the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Harriet helped more than 700 slaves to freedom which took 19 missions to complete. Because of her efforts, she was nicknamed "Moses", alluding to the prophet in the Book of Exodus who led the Hebrews to freedom from Egypt.

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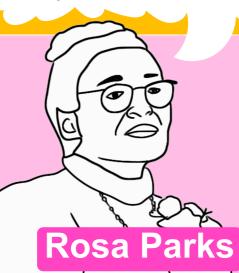
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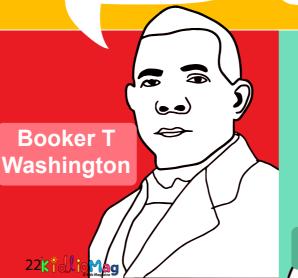
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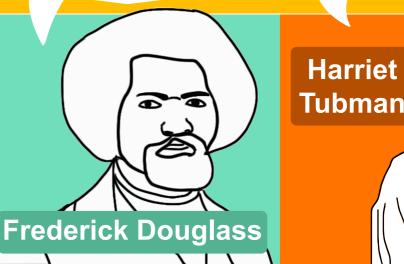
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Harriet









Mianca Woodall

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

Hello, My name is Mianca Woodall and I'm from Cleveland Ohio. I'm an Army Veteran turned photographer and I now reside in Atlanta GA. My photography has landed me multiple opportunities including an invitation to NYFW. Along my journey I've managed to capture and document my travels with my daughter.

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

I truly got inspired by close friends of mine who've released children's books that were very inspiring and it got me thinking. My story itself is pretty interesting so it came to me quickly and everything fell into place. This book was made to inspire children at a young age to want to travel. From the reviews I've been getting, it's been doing just that!

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

I wrote my first book in May 2021 and it was published by September 2021.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

Where Madi Goes I Go will become a series. My daughter and I have traveled to so many unique places that I cannot wait to share.

Children need to know that they too can be explorers of the world! My series will enlighten the minds of young readers and spark their travel bug within. My books will also make faraway places come to life and show children that all of these places are within their own reach.

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

There needs to be more diversity in children's books and I wanted to contribute. Seeing my book on shelves and reading the reviews truly makes my heart smile. Just as you have to water the seeds of life to bloom we need to pour into the minds of our children.

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

The stories from Where Madi Goes I Go are based on factual events.

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

Don't be scared to venture out and travel the world and take as many pictures as possible!

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Based on a mother and her daughter and their travels, Where Madi Goes I Go is a fantastic book for kids aged 2 – 7 who may be starting to get curious about the world around them and want to know more.

From visiting the strange and beautiful lands and amazing cities of the Middle East to relaxing on Florida beaches, it was written to inspire children from an early age and instill a love for fashion and travel that will remain with them long after reading about it.

Young children will love the mix of photos and artwork that make faraway places come to life and will learn that all of these real cool destinations are within their own reach too. Get your copy today and motivate the travel bug within your child!

> available at amazor

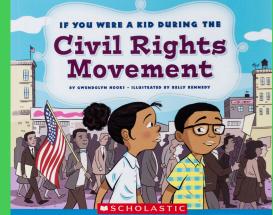






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Name: If You Were a Kid During the Civil Rights Movement

Author: Gwendolyn Hooks

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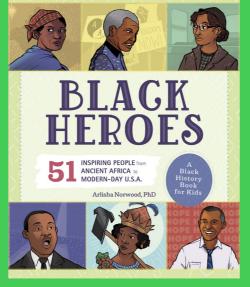
Description: Follow along with two girls as they find themselves in the middle of a civil rights demonstration, and find out how the fight for equality changed the country forever. Joyce Jenkins has recently moved to a new town with her family, and she will soon be attending a segregated school for the first time. Readers (Ages 7-9) will follow along with the two girls as they find themselves in the middle of a civil rights demonstration, and find out how the fight for equality changed the country forever.

Name: Black Heroes

Author: Arlisha Norwood

Publisher: Rockridge Press

Description: Meet extraordinary black heroes throughout historybiographies for kids ages 8 to 12 You're invited to meet ancient Egyptian rulers, brilliant scientists, legendary musicians, and civil rights activists all in the same book! Black Heroes introduces you to 51 black leaders and role models from both history and modern times. This black history book for kids features inspirational biographies of trailblazers from the United States, Egypt, Britain, and more. Discover where in the world they lived, and what their lives were like growing up. Learn about the obstacles they faced on the way to making groundbreaking accomplishments. You'll find out how these inspirational figures created lasting change and paved the way for future generations.



Lieble Leaders BOLD WOMEN IN BLACK HISTORY

Name: Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History

Author: Vashti Harrison

Publisher: Puffin

Description: I made up my mind to try. I tried and I was successful. - Bessie Coleman Meet the little leaders. They're brave. They're bold. They changednthe world. Did you know the treatment for leprosy was developed by a young scientist called Alice Ball? And Josephine Baker- world famous cabaret singer and dancer- was also a spy for the French résistance? Featuring 40 trailblazing black women in the world's history, this book educates and inspires as it relates true stories of women who broke boundaries and exceeded all expectations.

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SUCCESS STORY OF BLOOMING STAR KANISHKA RAVINDRA MORE



A 10 year old who has alwavs won competitions within school or outside. A exemplary classmate and a confident girl all her life. Then came the lockdown and Kanishka felt that she is unable to explore her potential as her drive to compete, took a back stage. Her mother knew she has to do something to keep up Kanishka's zeal but what she did not know was where to go for the competition.

Sejal Ray, the founder and backbone of Taare Zameen Par Facebook platform has been organising and hosting online competitions for children for more than a year now. Be it drawing or fashion walk or elocution or talent show, you name it and it has been planned for and organised on TZP.

On one such occasion Kanishka's mother came across this opportunity and then on there has been no turning back.

Kanishka's excitement knew no bounds. Her participation didn't just make her the winner but also boosted her morale and confidence to explore more exciting competitions online.

The encouragement that she found on Taare Zameen Par Facebook platform now has made her take the leap of faith in her strengths and she hopes to make her name on the National platform someday.

Go through her achievement photos to know more about her.

Gold Medal in Prodigy Maths Competition in which she rank 5th from Pune and 2nd from her school Gold Medal in Science Live Olympiad Gold Medal in SOF International Maths Olympiad School Topper Gold Medal in Spell Bee International English Olyampiad Merit plus medal in Spell Bee International 4th level (International level) Gold Medal in Humming Bird International Science Olympiad Silver Medal in International Humming Bird Maths Olympiad Gold Medal for Super Fast Abacus Bronze Medal in Sports Balancing Race Gold Medal in Rangotsav Cartoon Making Competition Gold Medal in Rangotsav Collage Making Competition Art Merit Trophy in Rangotsav Handwriting Competition Gold Medal in Humming Bird Maths and Science Olympiad Shining Star Award in Education Category from Maharashtra **Blooming Star Award**

> As narrated to Mrs. Kavitha Krishnamurthy Singh TZP Parenting Partner Founder Director Head Over Heels School

Introduction of TZP

"Taare Zameen Par", is an online community built by Sejal Ray. It is a platform to showcase talent and in turn create positive impact on mental health of families as well as parent child bonding.

TZP had over 240+ live performances by children in a year completely free. TZP felicitated 51 children across Maharashtra in different categories in 2021. It has provided international platform like Ted ED to children. It's wonderful to see children have achieved world records, gained self confidence, received recognition in their immediate circle and even improved communication skills due to TZP Platform.

Tagline: Discover your passion with TZP.

Facebook Group https://www.facebook.com/groups/taarezp







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