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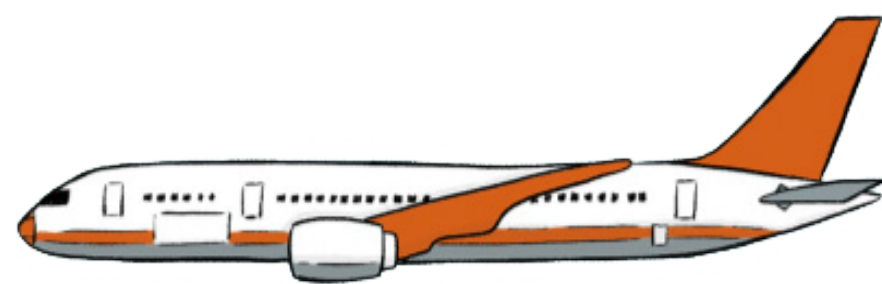
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Editor’s Note

Dear Reader,
Can you believe it? It has been two years since we started KidlioMag. I am so excited to tell you all that KidlioMag is now two years old! And I feel really grateful and blessed. Thank you all for being a part of my journey, believing in me, and my vision. I never thought I could come so long, it is all because of your support and affection towards Kidlio-Mag. Thank you so much for reading Kidliomag and making it a huge success.

In this edition, we incorporated books, articles, summer games and activities that promote love, peace, diversity, and inclusion. I hope you all will like it, and please share your feedback at kidliomag@gmail.com.

Love & Peace
Happy Reading!

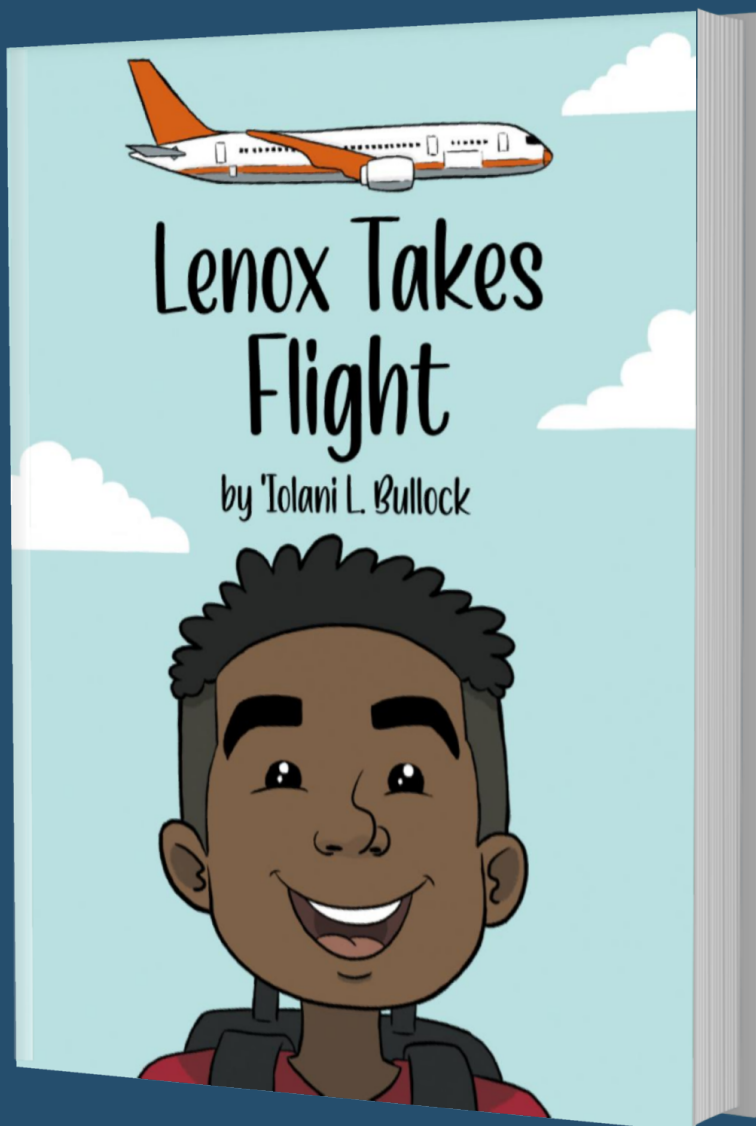
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LENOX TAKES FLIGHT



'IOLANI L. BULLOCK



Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I am an avid traveler, a mother of two and a diversity, equity and inclusion professional. All of these different aspects of my life have contributed to the story Lenox Takes Flight in such a unique and fun way!

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

I am an unlikely author. A few years ago, I decided to take my son Lenox on a trip to Thailand. While preparing for our adventure, I couldn't find many books about travel for children and none had diverse characters. Since I didn't see the book I wanted to read to my son, I decided to create it myself!

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

My original story was a children's rhyme book. I wrote it in the hotel room during our trip! When I had the opportunity to join a writers program, I was asked to expand the story, add more depth to the characters and create a world for readers. Lenox Takes Flight quickly turned into a chapter book for young people.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

My book focuses on the notion that the unique things that make people different are special, not scary. This is a message that's so important to share with children today. Not only does my book feature an African American boy as the main character, but I also incorporate a blind woman and her guide dog as key characters that play a significant role in the story. Just placing these characters in the narrative helps normalize their presence in literature and therefore in the minds of our youth.

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

Representation is critical to shaping how children see themselves and others in the world. For children of color, seeing their image and likeness is a signal that they too can be what they see, it builds their confidence and shapes their perception of themselves. For all children, seeing protagonists who are different from them helps them normalize inclusivity from an early age.

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

One reason that writing this book was so much fun was that I imagined my two little ones, Lenox and Teagan, as older kids. I took their young personalities and expanded them in my mind, exaggerating some of their funny characteristics and sayings. I also enjoyed incorporating the history of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen, the first African-American military aviators in the United States Armed Forces. Lenox uses them as a source of inspiration throughout the story.

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

I hope that Lenox Takes Flight helps young readers see that anyone can be a traveler no matter their age or background. I hope it inspires families to see the world. Ultimately, I want readers to lean into people and things that are different from them instead of shying away. Be curious and understand that difference is just different!

[HTTPS://WWW.LENOXTAKESFLIGHT.COM/](https://www.lenoxtakesflight.com/)



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FriendTales

Emily Martin



Mia's Self-Esteem

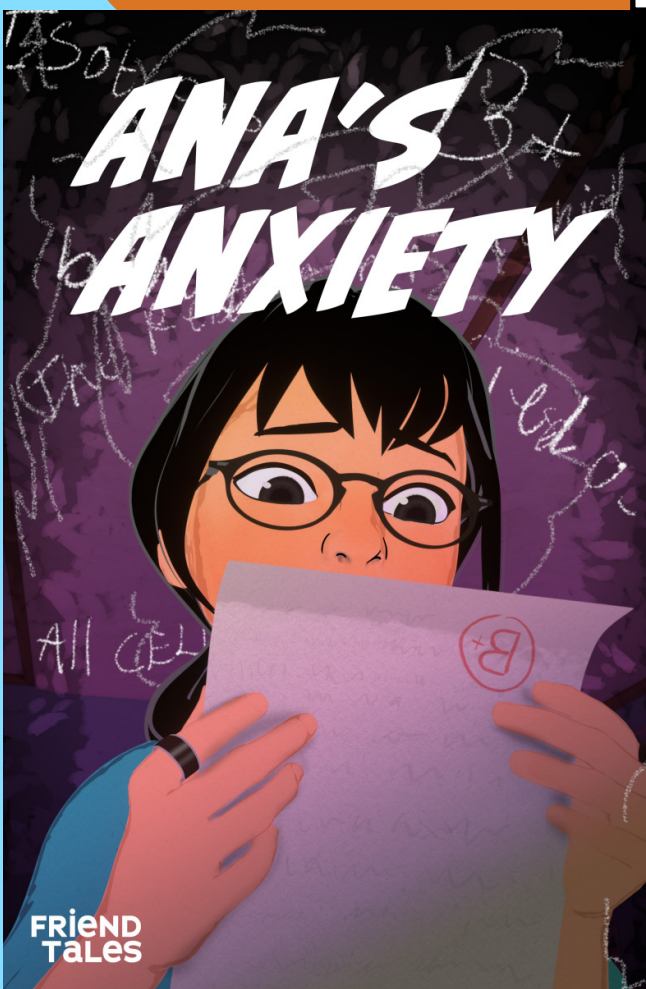
friendtales.com

About Mia

Mia was created to help showcase the impact of self-esteem. She struggles to try to please her parents and other people around her. She feels the pressure to always be perfect but learns that she can be herself.



We believe at FriendTales that — if you can change your thoughts, you can change your world. This is really what we set out to do. We want to help create positive thoughts for kids who are overwhelmed in such a negative world. We are creating these comics to allow kids to understand their feelings through characters that embody different mental health states and enable the children to talk through their feelings with a chatbot of the characters in the story. We want to bring emotional storytelling to life. If we can shift their mindset, children will be more equipped for the future and will have the tools they need to overcome challenges.



ANA'S ANXIETY

About Ana

Ana was created to help understand anxiety. She experiences panic attacks when it gets really bad. She is driven by the need to succeed and please people, but she is also never satisfied with her results.



TOMMY'S ADDICTION

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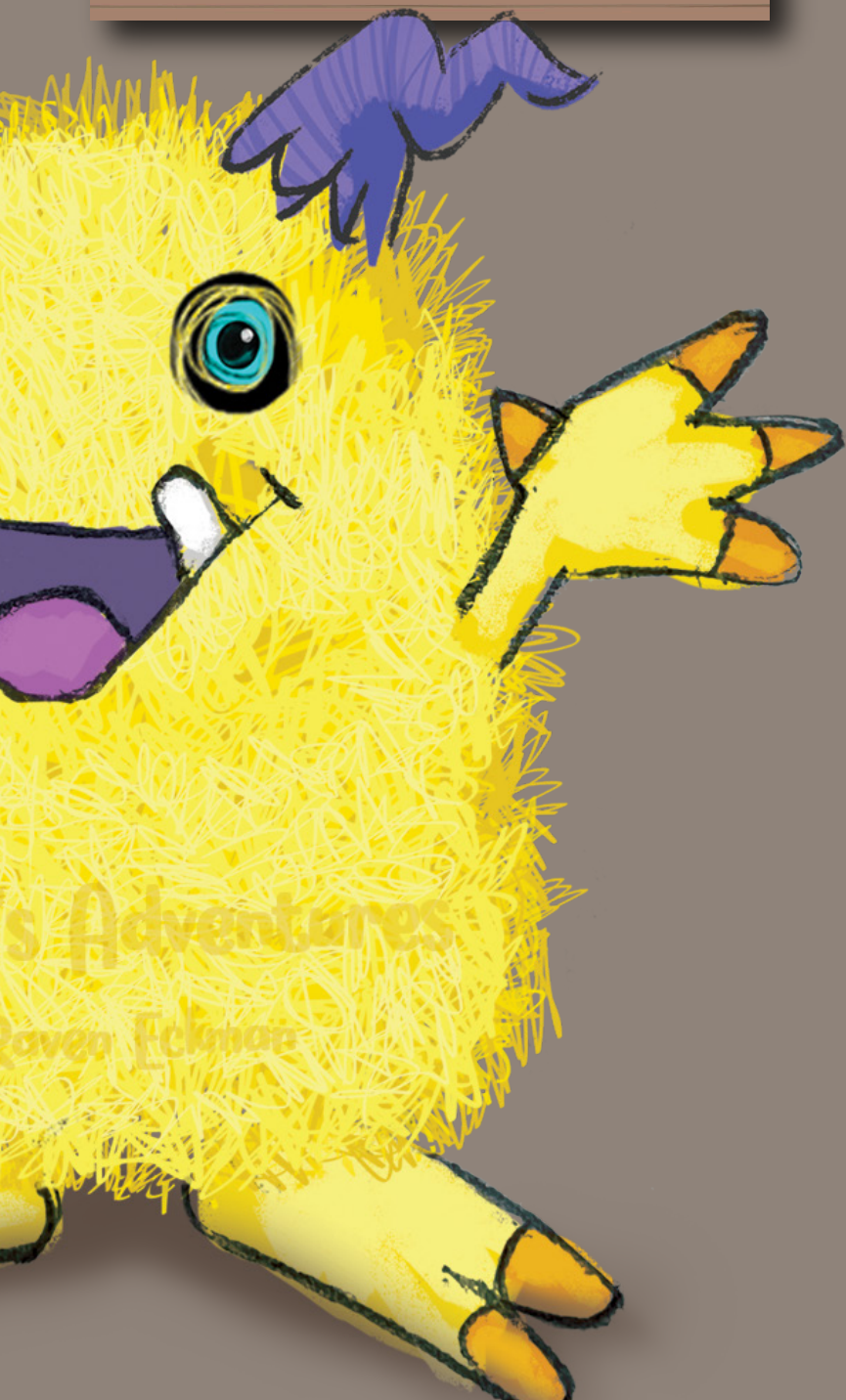
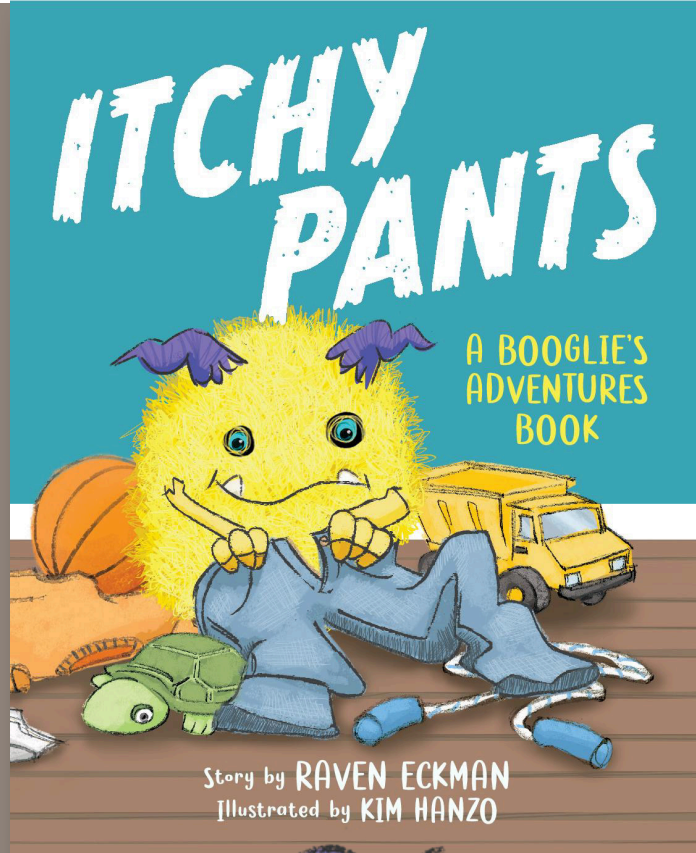
About Tommy

Tommy was created to help understand the impact of addiction. He can't stop doing something that gives him satisfaction. He struggles when his parents take his addiction away from him and needs something to guide him to find new things that give him the same satisfaction he is missing.

Search, Count, Write!

Find All The Starfish And Write Their Count.





ITCHY PANTS

Raven Eckman



Q: First tell us something about yourself?

Non-Writing Fun Fact: I love horseback riding.
Writing Fun Fact: I devour anything fantasy based.

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

My writing journey started after my reading journey. My reading journey began the summer before high school when my grandma got tired of my moping and challenged me to read a book a day till school started. Previously I had hated reading. Once I got into reading, and got lost in so many different worlds, I began exploring my own stories and seeing where they took me.

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

My first story was loosely inspired by Twilight by Stephanie Meyer and hasn't seen the light of day in ... awhile. Following that story, I wrote several angst-y teen love poems, a few short stories, and a lot of fanfiction. I didn't complete my first book till five years after college. Of which is an adult fantasy and published by Fox Pointe Publishing. My first children's book, Itchy Pants, came next and is now the first in a series—also published by Fox Pointe Publishing.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

My "Boogie's Adventures" series is inspired by my working with children as a paraprofessional. From the fear of being different, making friends, the joy of getting candy on Halloween, and having a pet and understanding the responsibilities that come with that, all of these different topics will be central themes of upcoming books in the series.

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

I took a kid's literature class in college and while I focused initially on an older audience, there is a special place in my heart I reserve for the child-like wonder and imagination that a young reader gets to experience while tackling challenges and learning new things.

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

Fueled by my love of fairy tales and folklore, I created a monster that just wanted to be friends with the human he shared a room with. The story created itself from there.

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

To my young readers, stay true to yourself and keep reading. There is so much out there to explore.

www.foxpointepublishing.com/itchy-pants-a-booglies-adventure-book

Splats

SPLAT



By Simon Crack

A collection of crazy creatures with truly bizarre features! The Splat creatures were each created totally randomly! Colored inks were organically dripped on paper and then illustrated into weird and wonderful creatures when the ink dried. A funny story has been added to each character in the book!

Available On [Splats.org](https://splats.org)

Simon Crack

Simon Crack is a serial entrepreneur, graphic designer and app developer with millions of downloads on iOS. He has been featured by Apple 18 times in 'New Games We Love'. He created the 'Splats' creatures in 2001 as an end of year final art project at college for which he gained a distinction. 20 years later 'Splats: A Collection of Crazy Creatures' are now a book and soon to be NFT collection. You can find out more at [Splats.org](https://splats.org)



Happy
Mother's Day

Mum you are
**Sew
Brilliant**

Words can't
Espresso
how much I Love you



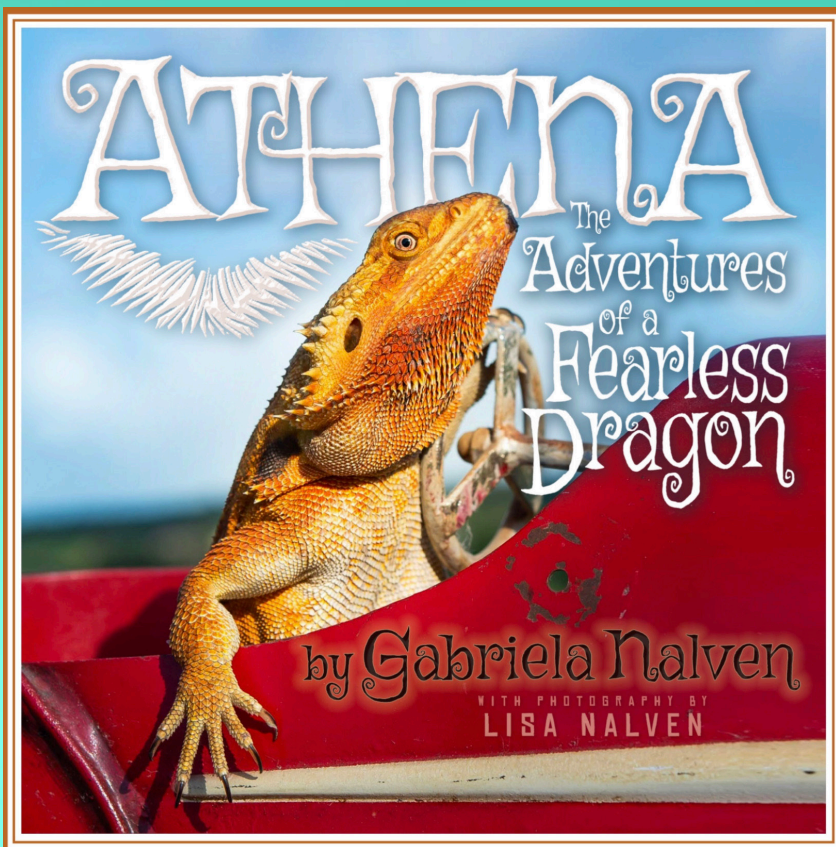
Mum You are the
Best-Tea

Olive
you Mom

Mom you did a
Grape job
Raisin me up

Mom you are
MA-RVELLOUS

Athena The Adventures of a Fearless Dragon



Athena: The Adventures of a Fearless Dragon follows the story of a young bearded dragon called Athena. After being abandoned due to their disabilities, Athena and her two brothers, Draco and Aragon, were finally on the way to adoption.

Because of being scared and not knowing what to expect, the three bearded dragons ran from the boxes and took off on an adventure. These adorable siblings will go through various challenges and fun experiences. These will provide lessons and strengthen their connection. They discover that words can hurt and that consequences will follow. They learn the moral lessons of giving, sibling love, and kindness.

Q: First, tell us something about yourself?

I am a first-time children's author, a special needs advocate, and an animal lover.

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

I had a passion for writing ever since I was a kid, but my true writing abilities started after I took a trip to Oregon with my best friend; not only with her but we both took our bearded dragons too.

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

After my trip, I got the courage to start writing because I got inspired by my trip with the dragons. The book is self-published.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

After being abandoned due to their disabilities, Athena and her two brothers, Draco and Aragon, were finally on the way to adoption. Because of being scared and not knowing what to expect, the three bearded dragons ran from the boxes and took off on an adventure. These adorable siblings will go through various challenges and fun experiences. They learn the moral lessons of giving, sibling love, and kindness.

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

Children love bearded-dragons and adventures that take place outdoors. They also find it very intriguing. Children also relate to reptiles in general; they are friendly, curious, and are always ready to partake in a new journey.

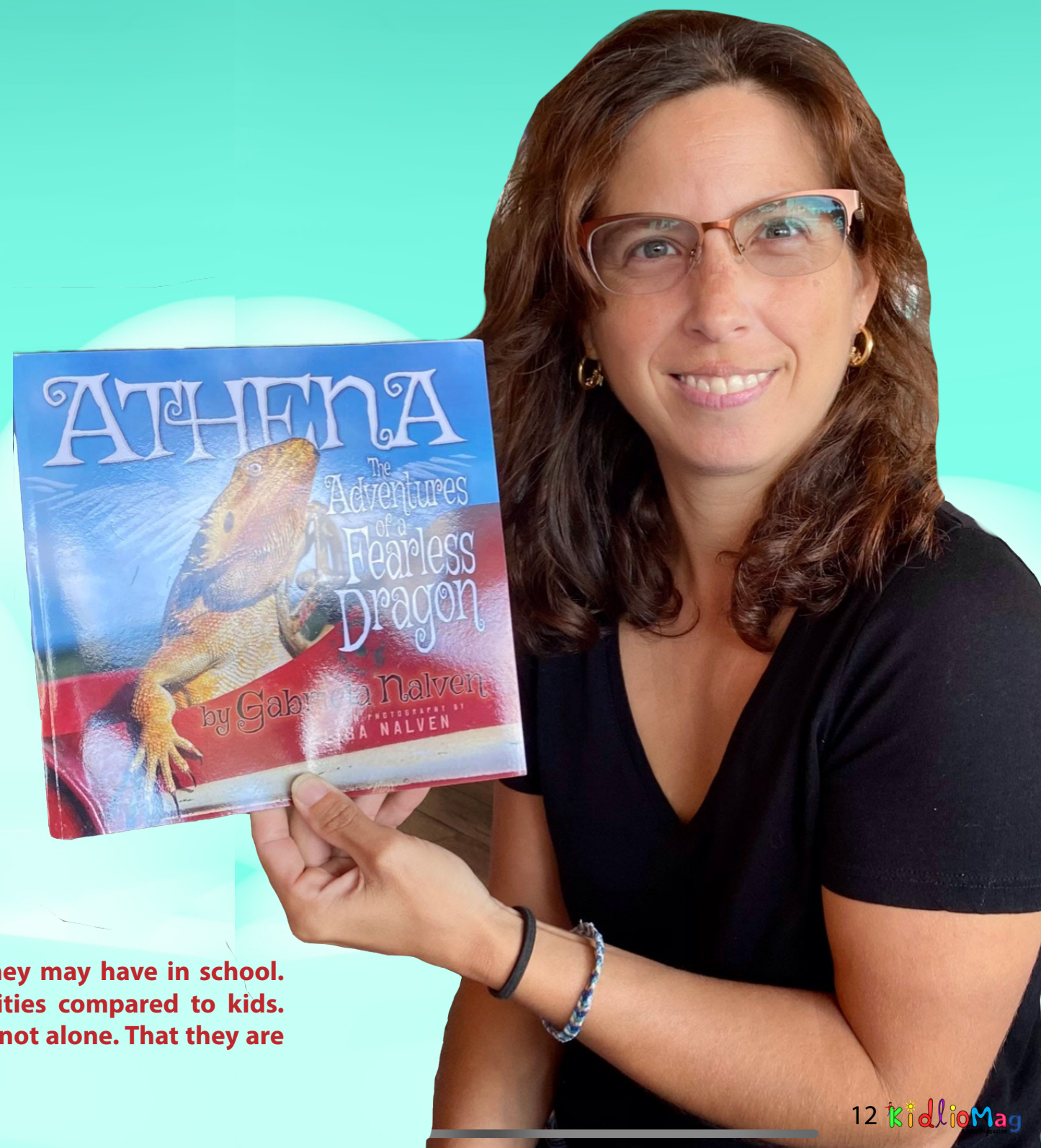
Q: How did these stories and characters come to your mind?

I get my everyday ideas from my everyday tasks. I also love to research via Instagram, Facebook, and movies. The characters in the story are based on my pets.

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

To overcome bullies, obstacles and challenges that they may have in school. Bearded-dragons can have the same type of disabilities compared to kids. Reading the book will make children feel like they are not alone. That they are not by themselves in the world.

Gabriela Nalven



BEYOND THE CLOUDS



A young girl looks out the window on a starry night and grabs her toy rocket. As she soars the rocket around and around, she begins to imagine a journey into space. She finds herself flying beyond the clouds and into the Milky Way, exploring the solar system.

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Theresa Lynn

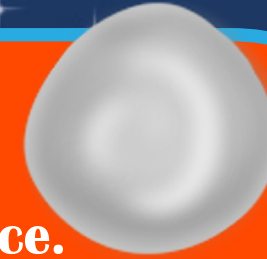
My name is Theresa Lynn, and I am a children's book author and poet. I recently published my new picture book entitled, Beyond the Clouds: A Space Adventure. This is my second book in my adventure series. My first book published last year was Let's Tour the World: A Globe Adventure. I look forward to creating more picture books for this adventure collection.



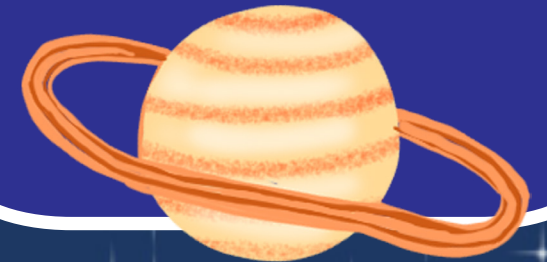
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DO YOU KNOW?

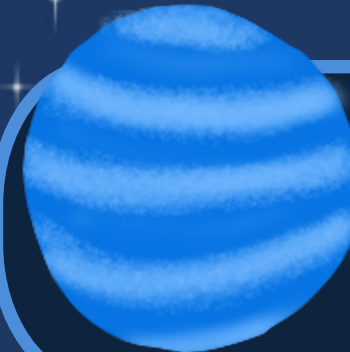
**Mercury is hot,
but not too hot for ice.**



**Saturn is the most
distant planet
that can be seen
with the naked eye.**



**Neptune has
supersonic winds!**



**Jupiter is a great
comet catcher!**



**Uranus is more
stormy than
we thought.**



Mars had a thicker atmosphere in the past.



Venus doesn't have any moons, and we aren't sure why.



You can see Earth's magnetic field at work during light shows.



You are Enough: The ADHD Affirmation



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ADHD is a complicated mental disorder that can be hard to understand for those without it. This book tells the story of a mom who wants her son to know that he is special and encourages him through the struggles of ADHD. The ADHD Affirmation is an uplifting affirmation for those with ADHD and those who love them.

It includes tips for managing symptoms and provides positive affirmations like "You are the best, bravest, cleverest person in the world." Be brave and read our book today.

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Shardae Bennett

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I'm a mother of 4. The best and most challenging part of motherhood is learning that every child requires different support.

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

I have always wanted to write but through sharing my personal journey through an anthology last year 2021 it removed my fear. And that allowed me to write about my passion and purpose, which is children's book about children with ADHD and Autism.

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

I wrote both of my first children books in October of 2021 and worked with an illustrator to ensure I could release my books in the first quarter of 2022. Resulting in my ADHD children's book releasing in January and my Autism focused children's book just released in March.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

With having a child with ADHD, I have found myself reminding them of their strength and uniqueness. So I wanted to create a children's book that displayed the conversation and continuous empowerment I provide my son.

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

I wanted my son and other kids with ADHD and Autism to see some literary material that recognizes his/ her beauty. I wanted to invoke comfort in them being themselves.

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

My first kids book was easy its dedicated to my son. So the characters are him and I. My second kids book I wanted to display another accurate depiction of children of color which displays a Hispanic family addressing Autism. When it comes to diagnosing ADHD and Autism there is a disparity rate for children of color being tested and treated.

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

Just know that your children are beautifully made whether they have ADHD/Autism or not. And to find comfort in empowering your children with ADHD and Autism, their strength and independence comes from your advocacy and nurturing.

FERRIS WHEEL!

WORLD'S LARGEST



London Eye

The London Eye, or the Millennium Wheel, is a cantilevered observation wheel on the South Bank of the River Thames in London. It is Europe's tallest cantilevered observation wheel, and is the most popular paid tourist attraction in the United Kingdom with over 3 million visitors annually.

Ain Dubai

The world's largest Ferris Wheel

Height: 250 m

Location: Dubai

Opened: 20 October 2020

Construction: May 2015

The wheel carries up to 1,750 passengers in 48 cabins and provides views of Dubai Marina and landmarks such as Burj Al Arab, Palm Jumeirah, and Burj Khalifa.

Dubai



Melbourne Star Observation Wheel

The Melbourne Star (previously Southern Star) is a 120 metre tall observation wheel in the Waterfront City precinct in the Docklands area of Melbourne, the state capital of Victoria, Australia. Described by its operators as "the Southern Hemisphere's only giant observation wheel", it is 120 m (394 ft) tall and has seven spokes, reflecting the seven-pointed star of the Australian flag.



Singapore



Singapore Flyer

Singapore Flyer is the brainchild of world renowned architect Dr. Kisho Kurokawa (Japan) and architectural firm DP Architects (Singapore). The design is notably "avant-garde" – experimental and innovative while emphasizing simplicity and harmony.

High Roller

The High Roller in Las Vegas is one of the world's tallest Ferris wheels. Located in Paradise, The 550-ft-tall structure overlooks Las Vegas Valley and Las Vegas Strip, the city's main street for late-night amusement.





Where Flies The Bird?

Where Flies The Bird?

Do you know? I've not heard!

A curious narrator takes another journey to discover a bird's migration story through changing seasons. This beautifully illustrated story uses poetic verse to connect young readers to Scientific ideas of migration while making the story playful and engaging.



Where Sleeps The Bear?

Is he here or there?

A curious narrator journeys to discover a bear's hibernation story through changing seasons. This beautifully illustrated story uses poetic verse to connect young readers to Scientific ideas of hibernation while making the story playful and engaging.



Latoya Belfon

Q: First, tell us something about yourself?

My name is Latoya Belfon. I am a mother and wife to my cherished husband, Kaleel John and son Khai-El John. One of my favourite things to do with my son is to read him a bedtime story, and he is often my first critic for all of my books. Apart from writing books, I play the piano and would love to eventually write a children's book on my love for music.

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

I started writing when I was 16 years old, and after 20 years, I finally took the leap to become published. It was exhilarating seeing a vision of a story in actual hard copy.

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

My first story started when I was 16 years old, and it is a series. It is not published yet because it is a massive project that I want to release in a specific way, and it has to be just right!

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

I create books that portray diverse representations of individuals in my community and world. You will see different stories that touch on the importance of a Black father and Black mother in the home, Black characters in regular stories that are not only about the love of hair or skin but characters being intelligent, funny, and all in a traditional storyline. I want children to see themselves in stories and books in a way that does not limit them. Not every Black character book talks about Black issues, but some show superheroes or teach essential values and skills.

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<https://www.latoyabelfon.com> 

In addition, my books are designed to increase learning opportunities for little readers; therefore, I include academic activities or fun facts in the back of the book.

"Where Sleeps The Bear?" and "Where Flies The Bird?" were conceptualized in my grade one Science classes this year. The focus was on literacy through Scientific topics. I developed them very similarly to my lesson plans so that children can learn about migration and hibernation, followed by literacy activities. My intention for my books is consistent with my values as a teacher, and it is the most heartwarming sight to see and hear my student's reactions to my books. **Q: Why do you choose kids as your reader? is there any specific reason?**

I love kids, but everyone always says that. But I do, and as an elementary teacher now, it feels pretty normal to write for little readers. My big imagination always allowed me to dream a little bigger through literature as a child. For this reason, I want to inspire children through my books and help them dream a little bigger.

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

Honestly, the creative process is so different for every book. Sometimes I wake up with a title, and I go with it, and other times stories built from previous stories, ideas or characters. I have so many books waiting to be published- it is like a never-ending train of creativity, and I love it!

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

If you can dream it, you can truly achieve it. How far you go in life is how big you can dream or envision that life and how much work you need to do to get it. My only limitations were that my dreams weren't big enough. So don't be afraid to say out loud the dreams in your mind because you fear they may be out of your reach or may not happen for someone like you. You are worthy of it all! Be brave to dream it and go after it!

KINDNESS WEEK

Tahiya Cooper



Tahiya is a third grade teacher in North East, Maryland, and has been an educator for 9 years. In 2019, she was nominated teacher of the year at North East Elementary School. She prides herself on creating a classroom community where students are kind, feel safe, and work hard.

Tahiya was inspired to write this book after she created a kindness club at her school in 2018. On any given day you can find her wearing her signature kindness shirt.



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Kindness Week

Kick off kindness week with this engaging text on how one student was able to spread kindness around her school.

Tahiya Cooper creates a rich text where students of all ethnicity, race, religion, disability, and nationality can find themselves and relate.

Third grade can be hard, but Aniyah has learned that being kind is one of the easiest things she can do.

Aniyah is excited to have a kindness week at her school, but then she encounters a classmate that doesn't understand the purpose of doing kindness acts for others.

Find out how Aniyah challenges her classmate and demonstrates the importance of stepping outside of the box and doing something nice for others.

The Mr. India Bracelet

Hey everybody, I am Vinesh and today I am watching one of my favorite Indian movies "Mr. India". I am watching this movie for the 50th time. Bro I love the movie and especially its ending. Something special about the movie was the Invisibility Bracelet.

One day when I woke up, I found that it was raining. I ran out with excitement and decided to take a bath. As I was coming in my house, I slipped over and fell on my sofa. As I stood up, I slipped once again. That's when I saw that a mysterious watch was lying down. I saw that watch closely and soon I realized that it was quite similar to Mr. India's bracelet. I got dressed up and wore the watch quickly. I tried it in front of a mirror. My first tries ended in a disaster. After some time as I accidentally pressed a button, I turned invisible. The problem was that I didn't know which button I pressed. I wasn't able to become visible again. I was so worried! I even watched the movie twice after this incident but there was no mention of the button which makes it visible again. I remembered the red lens. If everyone in my house would wear those lenses, they could actually see me. I quickly ordered spectacles with red lenses. Soon the order was at the gate. I gave those glasses to my whole family but they thought that I was a ghost. As my sister wore it, she wasn't able to see me. I was so confused. I tried smashing the watch, pressing different buttons and even removing the watch. After performing all of the methods I started to give up, soon I thought I could save people's lives and also stop thieves and dacoits. So I started my job.

First off I started with main roads and streets. After around fifteen minutes of roaming I found a bald beggar roaming around and he was taking the money of the disabled beggars. I wanted to teach the bald guy a lesson. I went to him and smashed a branch of a tree on his face. He got hurt badly and thought that there was some ghost. He ran and left the money on the spot, I gave that money equally to all the differently abled people.

I ran back to my neighborhood. There I went to the shop and secretly stole a packet of Kurkure. I loved that munch and soon I went to sleep as it was afternoon. When I woke up, I went to play. As I went to play, all of my friends thought that I was a ghost so they ran away. I was so sad. Then I went to my house and started to play video games. After playing video games for three hours, I went to wash my hands for dinner, and some water spilled on the bracelet too. Suddenly I became visible and took the watch out, threw it in the garbage bin, ate my food and then slept peacefully.

by Raghav Joshi
8th Grade



Kamari Loses a Tooth

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

Greetings, my name is Kendra and I graduated from college at the Lincoln University of Missouri. I am a 30 year old first time mother to a beautiful 1 year old named Kamari. She is my motivation and my biggest accomplishment. I have my Masters in Education and I have a passion for children. I've been in the education field for over 10 years and I love it.

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

My journey as a writer started when my daughter was about 8 months old. I wanted to create something that we could both look back on and be proud of. So I started thinking about writing a book. It had been on my list of things I wanted to do in my lifetime and once I had my baby she gave me that push to just do it.

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

I started writing my book in 2021 and it was published in January 2022. My journey was a long one trying to find the right wording and making sure I painted the right picture for children to learn and enjoy my books.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

One thing I love about this book and the books to come are that they are fiction books but they are based on real life experiences. Losing teeth is a process we all go through and it can be a scary one if you are not prepared and this book will give kids a fun way to prepare and learn about the process. This will be the basis of all of my books, helping children with real life experiences while making it fun to read.

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

Children have been my passion and motivation since I was a child myself. I've always been that bossy child who wanted to step up and be in charge. As I got older it grew into wanting to be a teacher/educator and then it moved into me wanting to advocate for youth from a low economic background. I wrote this book for all children of all colors. It is important to have books that show children of different backgrounds to help them to relate.

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

These stories and characters came to my mind from my daughter as well as my boyfriend's daughter. She is the one in our home losing her teeth and seeing her gave me the extra push to finally get my book completed this year. My daughter is the main character and the book is named after her. She is my biggest motivation, the unconditional love she gives to our family and the smile I see on her face. I just had to use her in my book.

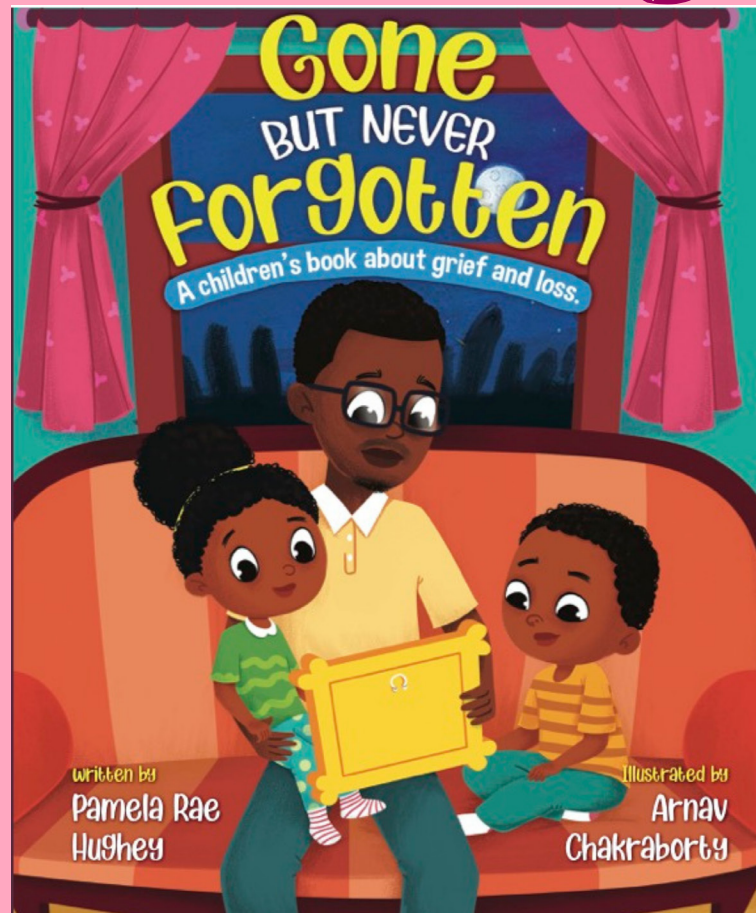
Q: Do you want to leave any message for your readers?

Dear readers,

Life experiences can be tough from losing teeth to your first day in kindergarten. New life experiences are going to come, embrace them, enjoy them and most of all learn from them. My book may help you do that and the books to come. Enjoy reading and filling your brain with knowledge but also use your imagination.

Kendra C. Thomas

Gone but Never Forgotten



It's not easy to answer questions or even talk about the tough times in life. What makes it even tougher is trying to explain these things to our precious littles.

Lane is a curious 5-year-old boy who asks a LOT of tough questions. He inquires WHY, WHEN, WHERE, and HOW as much as he can.

Gone But Never Forgotten is a beautifully illustrated children's book discussing death and what it means when someone passes away.

It is designed not only to introduce grief and loss to a child but also to discuss how exciting it can be to purposefully preserve memories.

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Pamela Rae Hughey

Pamela Rae Hughey is a follower of Jesus Christ, children's book author, entrepreneur, and nurse practitioner who is passionate about ALL things health. She is on a mission to positively support the physical, mental, and spiritual health of others through her projects. Pamela is also the founder of Dellalane Publishing, put in place to support others on their journey to becoming authors.

A native of New Edinburg, AR, Pamela holds a master's degree in Nursing from the University of Central Arkansas.

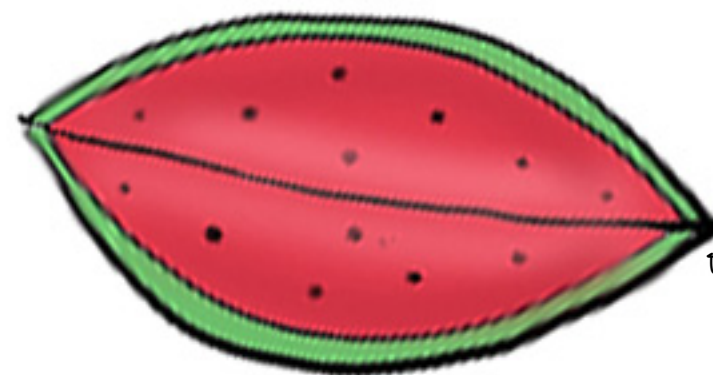
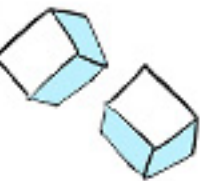


Ingredients:

Watermelon
Orange Juice
Ginger
Mint leaves
Ice Cubes
Half lemon Juice



Watermelon Orange Punch!



1) To prepare this amazing beverage, take a large bowl, combine all the juices.

2) Keep aside in the fridge for 45 minutes. Remove and pour into a pitcher filled with crushed ice.

3) Add the ginger ale and serve immediately. Garnish with mint leaves and lemon wedges. Serve chilled.



EBONY AND HER CROWN

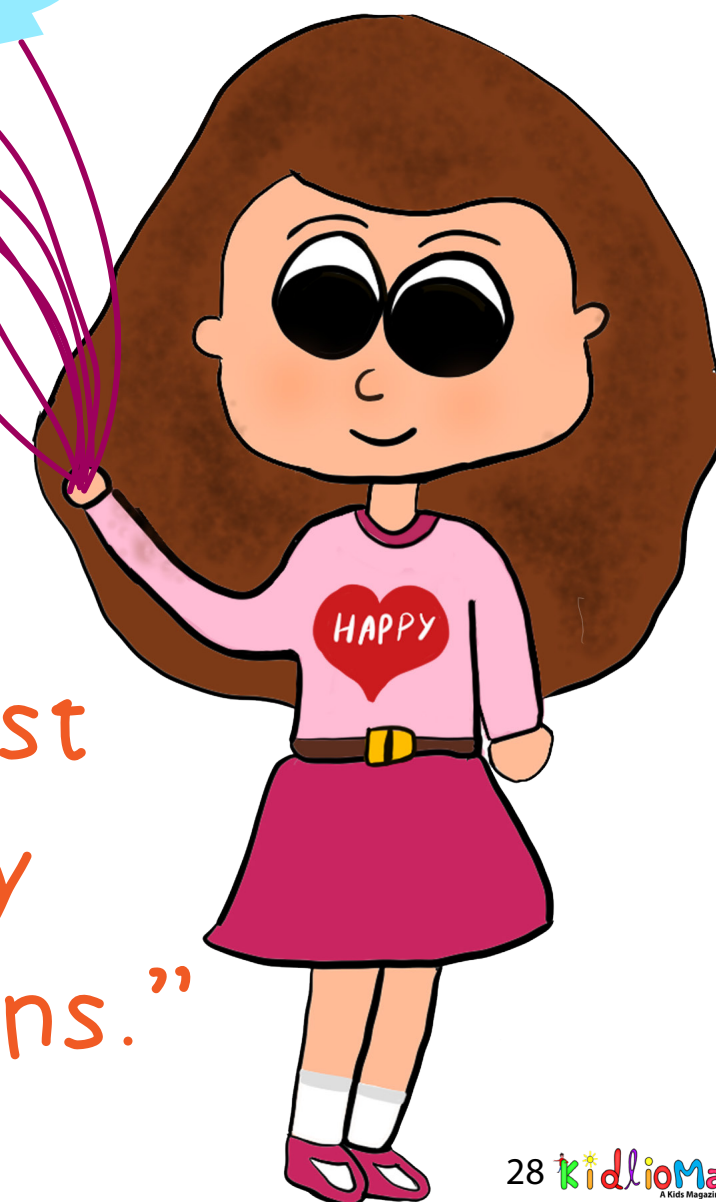
Ebony and Her Crown written by Nicole Marshall. For children ages 3-6. This poem was written to inspire young children to love the skin they're in. The story brings light to the importance of a positive self-image and the importance of positive representation. Social conditioning can start when you are very young and follow you into your adult years. It is imperative that young boys and girls see themselves reflected in a positive way to help develop their sense of self-worth and develop a positive self-image. Nicole write's her books to impact young kids to help nurture their emotional development. Ebony and Her Crown is now available at Amazon (Kindle, Paperback)

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Release all your bad emotions.



“Let the worst
part fly away
just like Balloons.”



Nicole Marshall

Nicole Marshall is an up-and-coming author and in a writing journey fueled by memories of childhood experiences, Nicole writes relatable and educative content intending to impart the young ones with positive values, lessons of self-love and positive affirmations from an early age. In an authorship journey that spans over a few years now, Nicole has several titles under her name, most notably her debut title Little Nikki Her Journey to Self-Love. In this intriguing and exciting read for children, Nicole artistically takes children through a motivational story about Little Nikki and her bullying experiences at school. She highlights its psychological impact and the resilience children develop to counter such. More importantly, the book helps children accept and appreciate their differences, embrace, and develop self-love and confidence. Other titles by Nicole include Ebony and Her Crown and The Last Room. Currently, Nicole lives in Atlanta, Georgia. When she is not in her official attire, you will often find her writing, drawing, photographing, cooking and spending time with family.



The Elixir Of Life

Once upon a time, the Great **Wizard** was asked to make an important potion: The Elixir of Life. You see, King Euclidean wanted a child. Not just any child, a child fit to be king of the 7 Kingdoms. He must be smart, brave, witty, and well-versed in the law of the land. The child must be free of indolence and willing to respect his elders and listen to everybody's opinions, great or cowardly, rich or poor, king or beggar. The Great Wizard instructed the queen, Alexandria the 3rd, to drink it at midnight on the day of the blue moon wearing pure white linen clothes. She did as he said, but didn't drink the whole thing. A single drop was left.

The beaker was found by a miller, who took it home to his pregnant wife. She used the beaker to water a wheat plant she had planted in her garden. The wheat plant grew slower than the others, but when it grew, it was far larger than any other. The grains had an unusual, captivating silver-blue colour. She used this wheat plant to make a loaf of bread. The miller's wife, Mrs Dobson, ate the loaf of bread and found it to be the softest

and sweetest loaf of bread ever. The next day she gave birth to a **BEAUTIFUL** little girl she named Mariana.

She fed the remaining slices to her pet robin, who soon after laid a silver blue egg.

Meanwhile, back in the palace, the queen had given birth to a healthy baby girl she named Anastasia. Anastasia turned out to be a smart, strong girl. Her parents loved her with all their heart, but the citizens of the 7 kingdoms did not believe a girl can be an able leader.

She loved spending time in the palace's huge **library**. There, she found, quite by accident, her mother's diary. In the diary, she found out all about the elixir of life.

Now, Anastasia had formed a close friendship with Mariana. They bonded over the fact that they both felt trapped in their lives and wished to go abroad and explore the world.

So Anastasia went to her best friend, Mariana for help. She took her to her mother, who immediately told Anastasia all about the silver blue grains and the loaf of bread she had made with them. She then told them about the silver blue egg which hadn't hatched all these 16 years. She took it out and showed it to them. The moment Anastasia held the egg

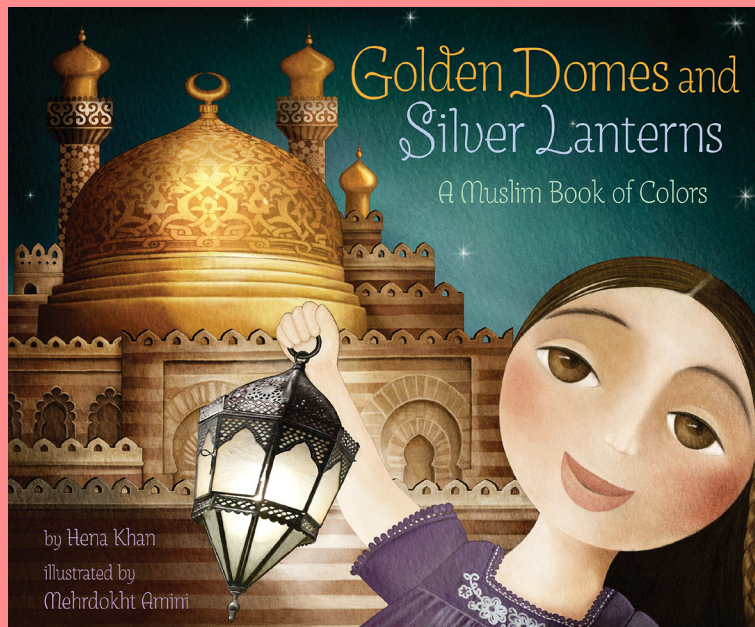
in her hands, it hatched! Out came a beautiful blue **DRAGON** with silver spikes on its head and a silver tail. Ana and Mariana went to the palace and showed it to the king. Anastasia asked the king if she could travel the world, and earn a name for herself and prove to the people that she could be as good a leader as her dad. Her dad sighed and with a heavy heart, gave her his blessing. He asked Mariana to go with her and bring her back home, safe and sound. She gladly agreed.

Now, they both had many wonderful adventures together, but it would take a thousand years to narrate all of them. She came back home after 9 long years of travelling, and showed the kingdom she had truly earned the title of Queen Anastasia of the 7 kingdoms,

by Aashritha Surya Prakash

11 years

6th grade



Name: Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns:
A Muslim Book of Colors

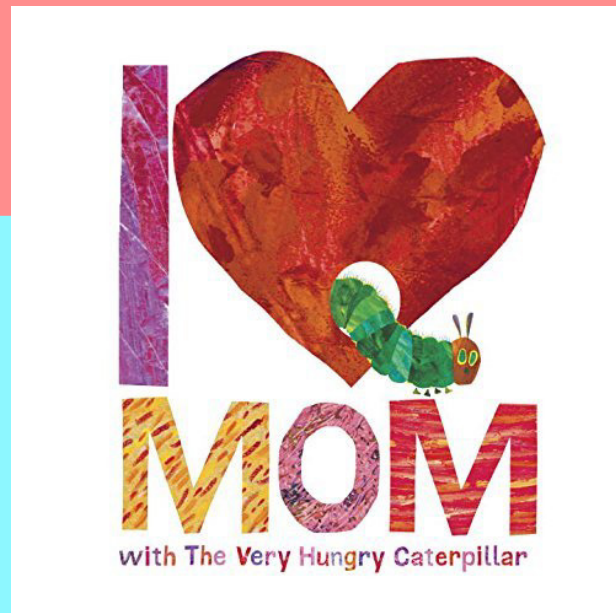
Author: Hena Khan

Publisher: Chronicle Books

Pages: 32 pages

Description: With breathtaking illustrations and informative text, Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns magnificently captures the world of Islam, celebrating its beauty and traditions for even the youngest readers. Sure to inspire questions and observations about world religions and cultures, this entrancing volume is equally at home in the classroom as it is being read to a child on a parent's lap.

Book Recommendation



Name: I Love Mom with The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Publisher: World of Eric Carle

Pages: 32 pages

Description: Show Mom just how much she means with this colorful book from the World of Eric Carle. Join The Very Hungry Caterpillar as he honors Mother's Day and celebrates incredible parents everywhere. With joyful illustrations and colorful creatures, this charming keepsake is a great way to show parents, grandparents, soon-to-be mothers, aunts, friends, or whomever you call "Mom" just how much you care.

Creative Corner



Name: Rachit Kumar



Nandini Gupta



Name: Dhruvin Dharmendra
Age: 12



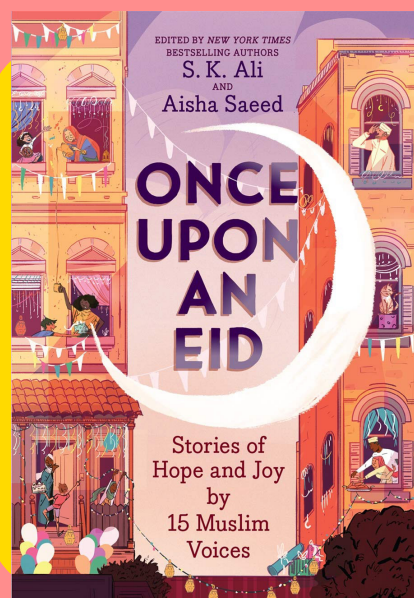
Name: Akshita Gupta
Age: 9



Name: Ayaan Pachnanda
Grade: 2



Name: Dhruv Jain
Age: 10



Name: Once Upon an Eid: Stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslim Voices

Author: S. K. Ali

Publisher: Harry N. Abrams

Pages: 272 pages

Description: Eid! The short, single syllable word conjures up a variety of feelings and memories for Muslims. Maybe it's waking up to the sound of frying samosas or the comfort of bean pie, maybe it's the pleasure of putting on a new outfit for Eid prayers, or maybe it's the gift giving and the holiday parties, or carnival rides to come that day. Whatever it may be, for those who cherish this day of celebration, the emotional responses may be summed up in another short and sweet word: joy.



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