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Editor's Note

Hello Friends,

Hurray! October is here, The month full of festi-vals! As this festival season brings a lot of festivi-ties to celebrate around the world.

Festivals are all about caring, sharing, and making memories with family and friends. Make your Diwali and Halloween more enjoyable with the KidlioMag October Edition.

In this festival special edition, we incorporated the best Halloween & Diwali activities, spooky fun games, stories, and much more! 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.

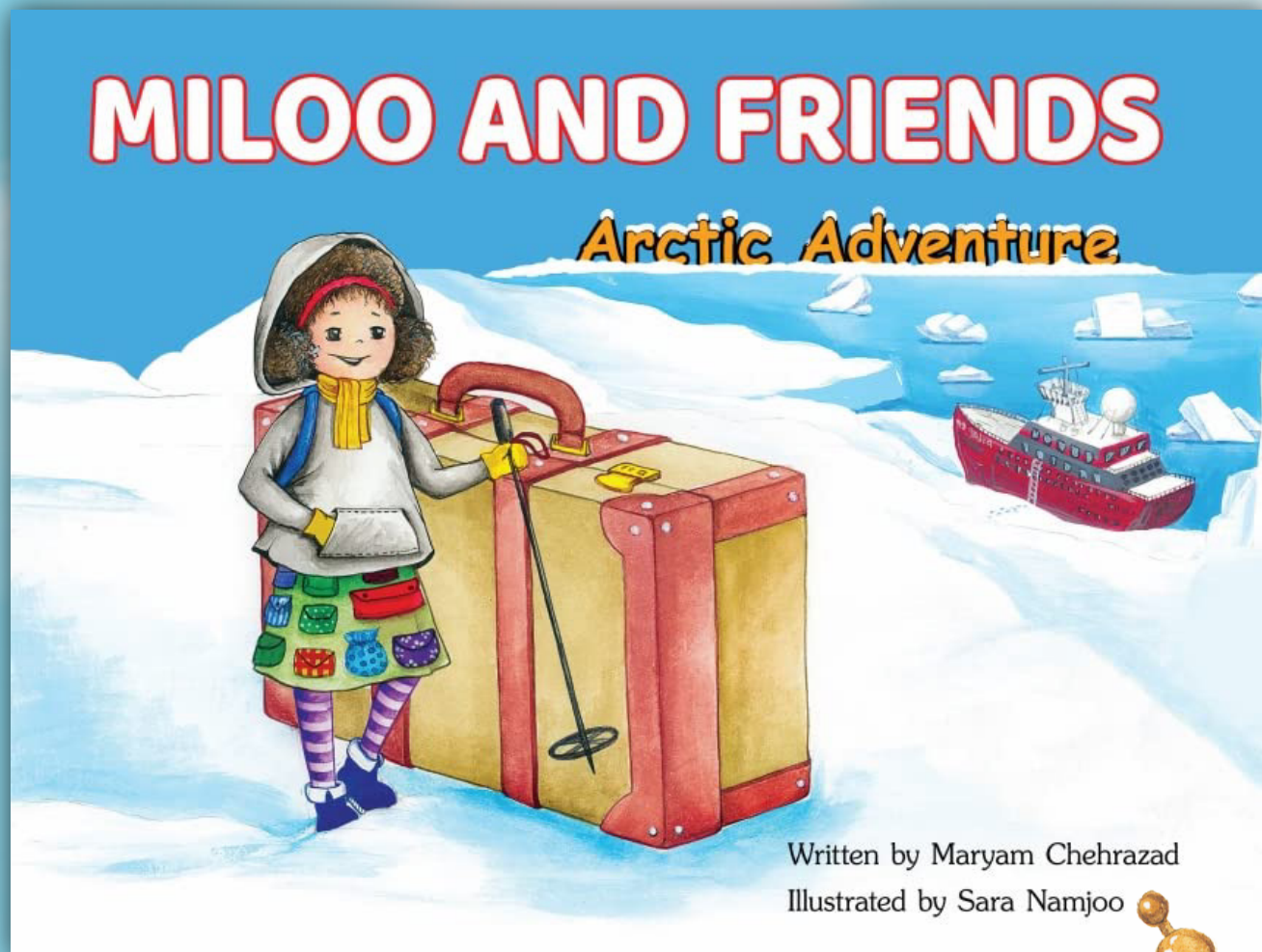
Happy Halloween!
Happy Diwali!

Dhruvin Dharmendra

**DHRUVIN
DHARMENDRA**



MARYAM CHEHRAZAD



MILOO AND FRIENDS Arctic Adventure



Q: First, tell us something about yourself?

My name is Maryam Chehrazad. I'm an Iranian American first-time children's author. I have a PhD in International Law focusing on "Arctic Environmental Protection." I'm an environmentalist and an animal lover.

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

This journey is based on my personal experiences. I began as a volunteer in a children's cancer hospital in 2008, where I learned the value of educating young children and their thirst for understanding the world. Years later, in 2016, I joined the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs to work on marine biodiversity and ocean pollution. Studying and working in this area and my background working with kids led me to a life-changing decision that the best way to pass on my knowledge is to empower and educate children on environmental issues.

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

I consider myself more of a storyteller. I always daydreamed but never wrote anything down until I met my husband, who encouraged me to write my stories.

My first official writing is "MILOO AND FRIENDS - Arctic Adventure" released on June 7th, 2022, and it's available on Amazon and Barnes and Nobles website.

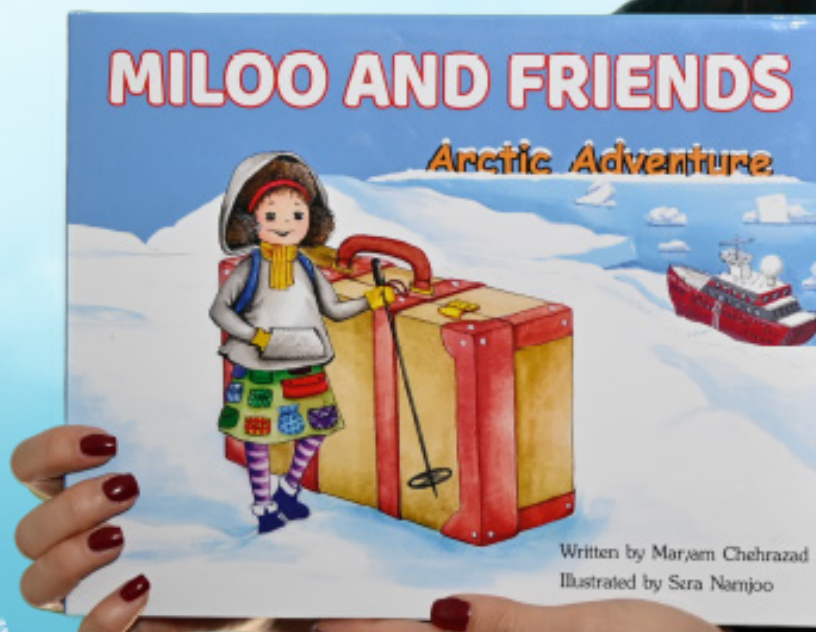
Q: Tell us something more about your books?

MILOO AND FRIENDS is a series of children's picture books about a bright young girl trying to make the world a better place with the help of her friends.

These stories cover different topics such as protecting the environment, value of friendship, acceptance, respecting our elderly, and much more.

www.milooandfriends.com

available at
amazon



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

I genuinely believe that kids will build our future. I love the way children see the world as magical, simple, and full of love. Acquainting children with Miloo and her friends will help energize their desire to observe and solve various obstacles.

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

The main character is loosely based on me. All the other characters in the story are based on the stuffed animals I have had since my childhood.

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

We should start teaching and empowering our younger generation if we want to make a difference in the world. Children's education from an early age is the essential tool counted on in these epic times. I hope this book inspires kids never to stop pursuing their dreams.



Sherry McMillan



What The Seal Saw



Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I live in beautiful White Rock, B.C., Canada where I love to experience nature - especially from my kayak! Every page of this book was written from my real-life observations of seals in Semiamhoo Bay. When I'm not writing or kayaking, I love working in technology. I am currently a Sr Manager of Business Analysis and enjoy seeing where technology and creativity connect.

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

I've always been a writer. I have journals and poems that go back to my elementary school days. I've written several novels and short stories; I have notebooks of poetry, song lyrics, and ideas scattered around my house (and even my car!). But being a published writer is another thing altogether! As I was approaching my 50th birthday, I hired a career coach and consulted authors and other experts to figure out how I could succeed in my demanding day job and also be a published author. During this time, I was out kayaking when a seal popped up and looked around. I spontaneously spoke to the seal and it came out in rhyming verse: "Hey there seal! What do you see? I see you? Do you see me?" I immediately realized that this would be a great children's book. So, I started to write it. Every time I went out on the water, I'd observe what was happening and each page of the book is based on a real-life experience - even the whale! I wanted to capture that universal moment where you see an animal in nature and wonder if it sees you, and what else it sees!

Fun fact - I wrote this book almost entirely in my kayak. I used the voice recorder on my phone in its waterproof pack. I wonder how many books have been written while the author was paddling!]

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

Here are some of the ideas within the book:

I.D.E.A (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access). It was important that the voice of the book be represented by a character that any child could identify with. The illustrated child has no discernible gender, age, race, or ethnicity. This allows all of our readers to see themselves in the story. One of the great delights of introducing the book to children has been to see the variety of little ones who've pointed at the pages and said "that could be me!"

Leading with Curiosity I did not intend to write an anti-anxiety book. But, in hindsight, that's exactly what I did. It stands to reason as it was written almost entirely in my happy place - my kayak! It's impossible to be anxious and curious at the same time. By emphasizing a message of leading with curiosity, the book creates a calm and thoughtful mindset. As the poem ends where it begins, there is a satisfying synergy to the story.

Environmental Empathy The seal in this book is not anthropomorphized. It has no name or gender; it does not wear human clothing or conduct human activities. Instead, the book presents a gentle message of care-taking of our environment, living in the moment, and approaching the world with empathy. Every scene in this book is taken from real-life observations of the behaviours of seals in Semiamhoo Bay, British Columbia.

Have you ever seen an animal in nature?

Maybe it was a deer, or an owl, or a bunny, or a seal.

Did you have a magical moment where you were looking at them and they were looking at you?

Did you wonder what they saw?

Did you wish you could follow your new friend?

Explore a world of wonder through the pages of this engaging story and you, too, can see What The Seal Saw.

Available at amazon, Barnes & Noble, Indigo, and more!

available at
amazon

Nurturing a love of Language I wanted to respect my young readers by using exactly the right word - even if it was above their expected reading level. It's been rewarding to see a 10-year old sound out the word 'scuttle' until they got it and to also see an 8-year old sail through the word kaleidoscope with no trouble. I know 2-year olds who ask for "Sea Saw". And, I know adults who appreciate the alliteration (Bubbles and Barnacles!), lyricism, and other poetic devices.

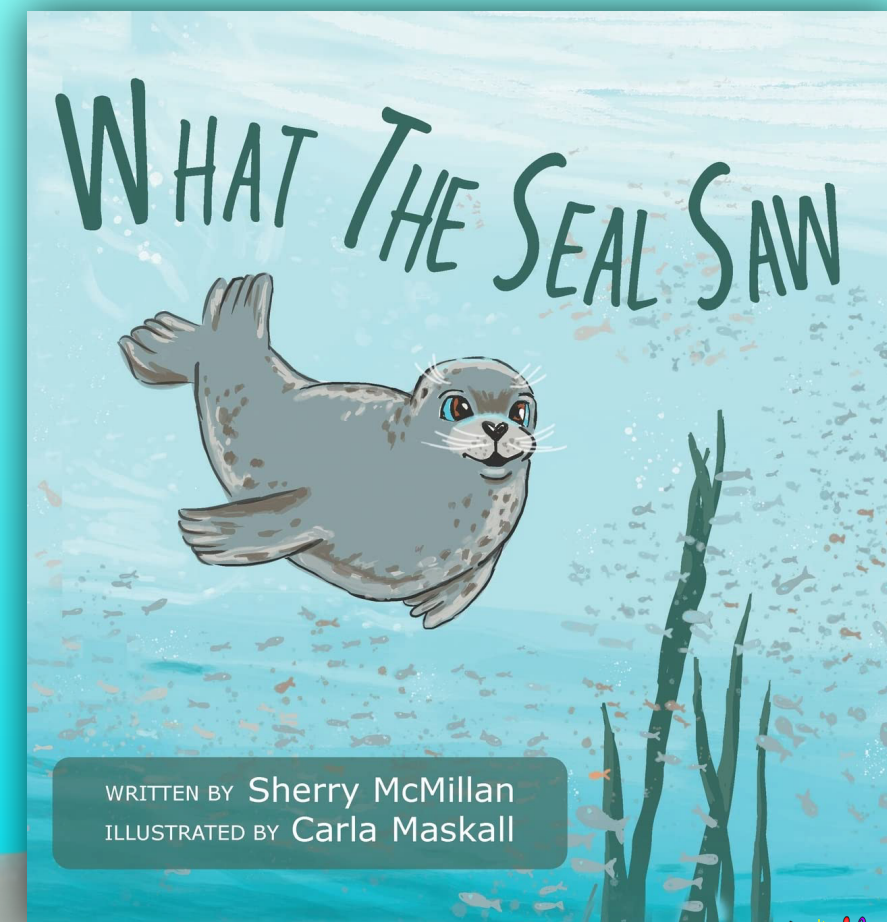
Nurturing a love of Nature Carla Maskall and I are so grateful to live in the Pacific Northwest near the ocean. We made a conscious decision to lovingly and faithfully depict this beautiful ecology. Many of the illustrations in the book started as pictures I took from my kayak. Our hope is that by exploring our own backyard with curiosity, we would foster a love of nature wherever our readers are.]

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

I didn't choose kids as my readers initially. But once I realized that I had a good idea for a children's book, it was really important for me to write one with respect. I really tried to return to my childhood and write the kind of book that I love to read. I love poetry and think it's a shame that rhyming verse has gone out of fashion. (I mean, look what Shakespeare did with it!) Also, as a parent, I know how exhausting it can be to read the same book over and over again. So, I wove in concepts and literary devices that would be fun and interesting for adults. When I see the wide range of people who respond to the book, I know that it isn't limited to age range suggested by the publisher.]

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

My mission is to nurture a love of nature and language in little ones with big imaginations. I hope this book (and the ones to follow) inspire connections and conversations about interacting with nature. To help with that, there are free colouring pages, activity pages, and lesson plans available for download at the book website: www.whatthesealsaw.com



Pumpkin Patch

Find the 8 pairs of matching pumpkins in the pumpkin patch.



THE MERMAID OF GRAND'ANSE



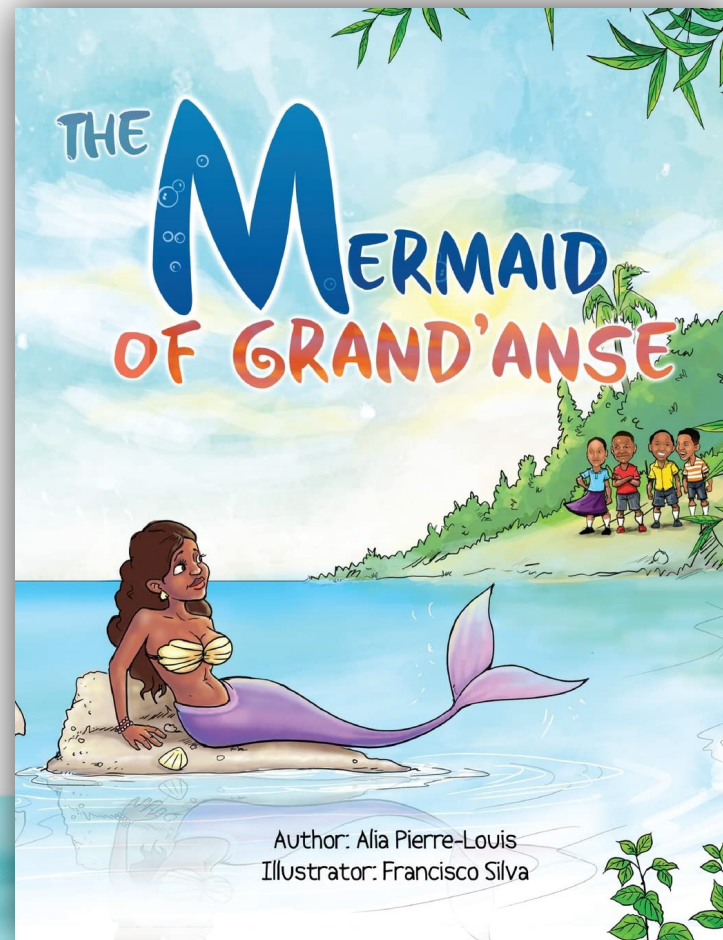
ALIA PIERRE-LOUIS

Alia Pierre-Louis is an educator and author who was born in Passaic, New Jersey to Haitian parents. Alia's family is from Grand'Anse Jérémie. Alia grew up in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and considers Haiti her homeland. Being the youngest of five children, Alia always had a vivid imagination and enjoyed reading and writing at a very young age. Alia is currently an elementary school teacher who is passionate about teaching and working with young children.

When she is not working, Alia enjoys spending time with her family, baking, exercising, traveling, interior decorating, listening to music, fashion and everything else artistic! The Mermaid of Grand'Anse is Alia's first children's book.

A magical mermaid visits four adventurous children from Grand'Anse, Haiti. One night, she transfers some of her special powers to these children. The Mermaid hopes that with their newfound powers, the chosen children can use them to work toward the common good of their country.

available at
amazon



Author: Alia Pierre-Louis
Illustrator: Francisco Silva

One Night With The Sea

Today we are alone again,
Days and nights are silently buried
Heart strings became our anthem
Friends and enemies are far from me.

Shaping the desires of my heart
I said this day will come before you
Sad songs and sad lyrics
Tell them to stay away from us.

Let the heart play the song of life
Great pains live in my heart.
Sadness wanders in the heart,
Teach me patience.

The sea...
today I return to you
My life depends on you!
Don't bother me, I'll tell you my pain.
My dream is to fly with you!

My sea...
The waves...
eating like a pig
May hearts like floods fall in love with you.
May your heart rest in your soft voice
Sing the strings of my heart, waves!

You're so excited, strange waves
Let the feelings of sadness leave the heart.
You eat in a way the world will recognize
May bad thoughts and dreams leave us!

Gulmira Ravshanbekova
Uzbekistan



Welcome To FIRST Grade

KATRINA GATHWRIGHT



Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I love reading, traveling, and skating.

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

I started my journey as a writer 7 months ago. My mother had just passed away and I wanted to honor her in a unique way for Mother's Day. I wrote the book in her honor, a first grade teacher of 35 years.

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

I wrote my first story 01/2022. It was published 07/2022.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

My book focuses on two young girls that really don't know what to expect on the first day of first grade. They have a big Imagination on what they would like to happen.

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

I've always dreamed of writing children's books. I really love the pictures in Children's books because the pictures allow you to get lost in the book.

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

The story is based on my own childhood as a first grader. The characters are my twin sister and I. The teacher and the mother in the book are both my mother.

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

This book may just be the first of many. Don't be surprised if you happen to see Haley and Hannah in future books.

It's the first day of school for Haley and Hannah, but they don't know what to expect. Starting first grade is a bit scary for them, but they are anxious to find out what will happen. Read this fun story to find out what happens on the first day of school in first grade.

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amazon

Olympus Mons is a large shield volcano on Mars. The volcano has a height of over 21.9 km as measured by the Mars Orbiter Laser Altimeter.

THE WORLD'S LARGEST VOLCANIC
ERUPTION TO HAPPEN IN THE PAST
100 YEARS WAS THE JUNE 15, 1991,
ERUPTION OF
MOUNT PINATUBO
IN THE PHILIPPINES.

VOLCANOES

Venus

Venus has more volcanoes than any other planet in our solar system. Venus possesses more than 1,600 major volcanoes, and could have more than 100,000 or even more than 1 million smaller volcanoes.

In A.D. 79, the Italian town of Pompeii was destroyed and buried by a volcano called Mount Vesuvius.

Incredibly, the ash deposits preserved the town and the remains of the people within it. Today, it's one of Italy's most popular historical sites!

VOLCANO MOUNTAIN is a cinder cone in central Yukon Territory, Canada, located a short distance north of Fort Selkirk, near the confluence of the Pelly and Yukon Rivers. Volcano Mountain is called Nelrúna in the Northern Tutchone language.

MAUNA LOA
IS STILL THE LARGEST ACTIVE VOLCANO
ON EARTH. STANDING A WHOPPING
4,169M TALL, THIS GEOLOGICAL GIANT
LAST ERUPTED IN 1984.

The loudest sound in recorded history was made by a volcano called Krakatau.

Found in Southeast Asia, when Krakatau erupted in 1883 it released 200 megatons of energy – that's the equivalent of 15,000 nuclear bombs. Boom!

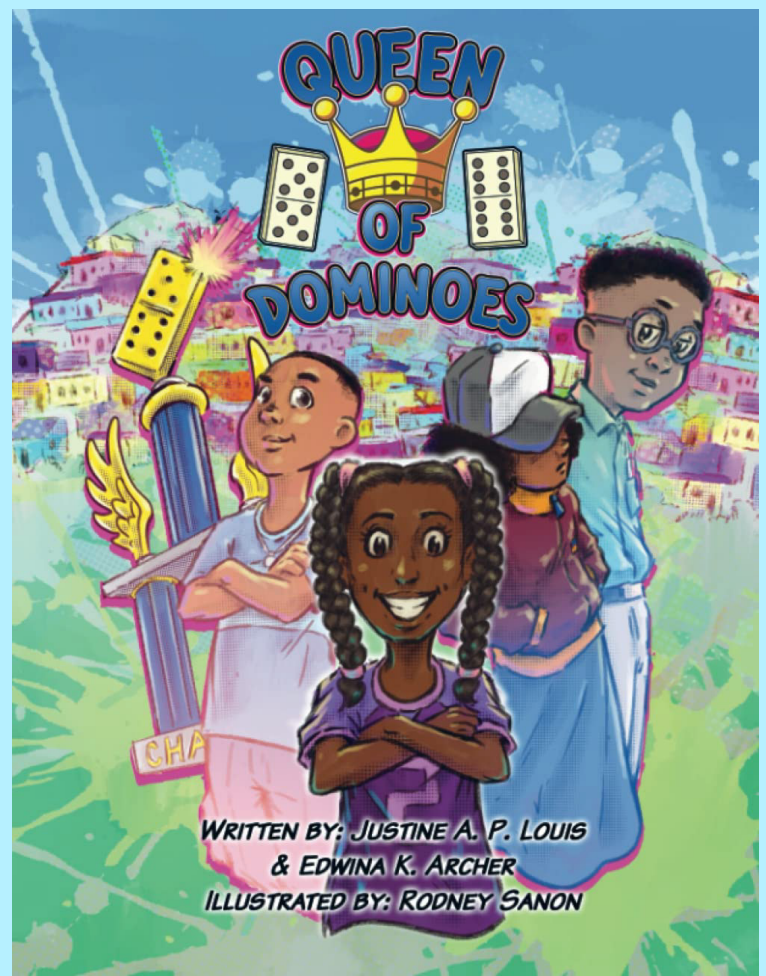


JUSTINE A. P. LOUIS

Justine is an author and educator. Justine is also a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Justine was raised on the Caribbean island of Haiti where she experienced its rich culture firsthand. Justine enjoyed listening to multicultural stories from her family, including fascinating Haitian tales. Exposure to her family's storytelling routines led Justine to begin writing her own stories at a very young age. Justine's children's books reflect her childhood memories and experiences while growing up in Haiti.

Justine's dedication to promoting Caribbean and Haitian language and culture, as well as her drive to expand on Haitian children's literature have inspired her to write children's books. During her free time, Justine enjoys writing, listening to music, going on nature walks, and spending time with her family. For more information email Justine: japl@vivlivbooks.com or visit her website: www.vivliv-books.com

QUEEN OF DOMINOES



Melody is one of the youngest players in the annual domino tournament in the Caribbean. She has been well trained by her grandfather, who is an expert in dominoes. To win the tournament, she will have to compete against players who are much older than her. Can she use her grandfather's wisdom to defeat the two-time champion and become the "Queen of Dominoes?"

In this book, readers will learn about dominoes, a beloved game in the Caribbean, while following the exciting story of the ambitious little Melody.

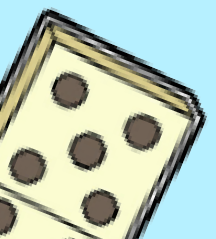


EDWINA K. ARCHER

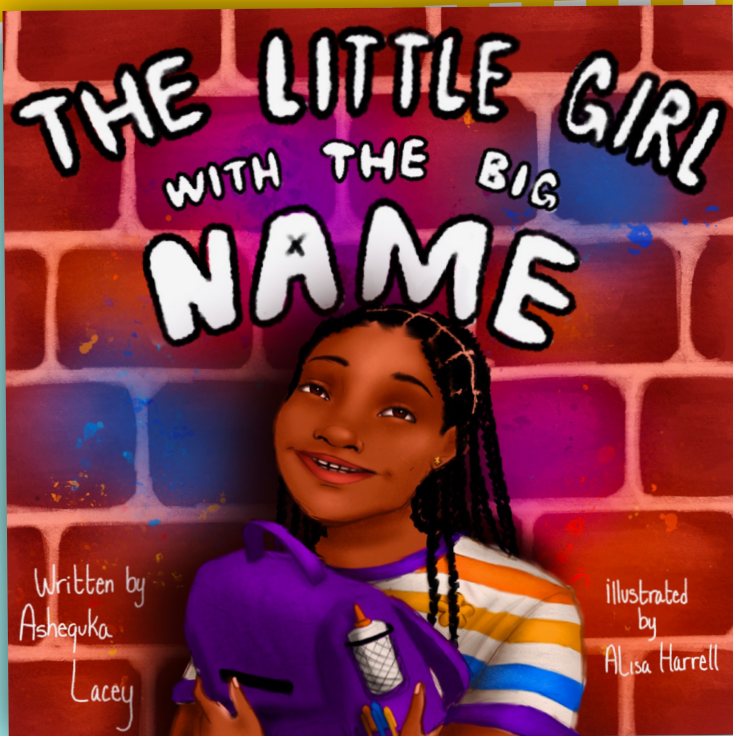
Edwina K. Archer is a software developer and author from Brooklyn, NY. Edwina was raised and educated in Haiti until the 2010 earthquake, when she was in 5th grade. Her childhood there allowed her to truly embrace Haitian culture and values, which she still proudly carries with her in the United States to this day. Edwina graduated from Boston University in 2022 with a Bachelor's in Health Science and is now working toward becoming an EMT volunteer.

The author of this book, Justine A. P. Louis, recalled memories of Edwina's impeccable skills as a young domino player in Haiti. Therefore, the main character of Queen of Dominoes, Melody, was inspired by Edwina.

In her free time, Edwina enjoys exercise, meditation, and listening to music. She has created a wide variety of playlists, which include "Ayiti Cheri" dedicated to her homeland, Haiti.



THE LITTLE GIRL With The **BIG NAME**



The Little Girl with The Big Name is about a little girl that goes through a series of events with people mispronouncing her name or not even trying because it "looks hard". She feels like if her name was smaller, it would be easier for people. But she learns that her name is special and so is she. She now owns her name, and she makes sure to correct them.

available at
amazon

ASHEQUKA LACEY



Q: First tell us something about yourself?

My name is Ashequka Lacey and I am the author of Jakobi and Me and The Little Girl with The BIG Name. I also have a publishing company Inspiring Jreams Publishing helping other Authors with self-publishing.

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

My youngest son is special needs and I decided to write a book to bring awareness to his condition

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

I wrote and published my first book in 2020

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

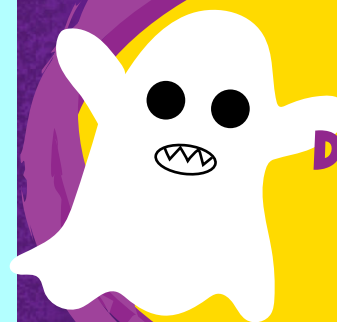
Each of my books are based on my real life.

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

I feel like reading is the best way for children to understand what's going on and writing a book that is relatable can change their lives

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

Believe in yourself always



**DO YOU KNOW WHICH
DESSERT GHOSTS LOVE?**

I-Scream!

What do owls say when they go
trick or treating?

"Happy Owl-ween!"

What do birds say
on Halloween?

**"Trick or
Tweet!"**

Where does a ghost go on vacation?

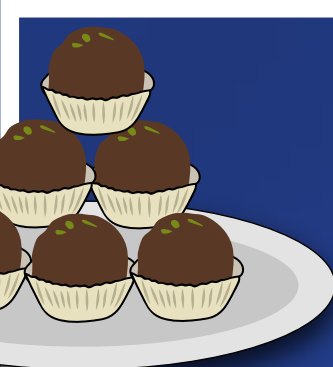
MALI-BOO

What do you call two witches
living together?

BROOMMATES

What Halloween candy is
never on time for the party?

Choco-LATE!



CHOCOLATE PEANUT LADOO RECIPE

1. Take 1 tbsp of ghee in a pan and roast the peanut on low flame for a few minutes.
2. Now take another pan and heat the remaining ghee and sesame seeds until the rawness is removed on low flame.
3. Now mix the crushed peanuts and grind **sesame** seeds paste and mix well keeping on low flame.
4. Now add the **CHOCOLATE** to it and mix well.
5. Then add half of the jaggery and mix.
6. Now add cardamom powder and mix well. Keep on low flame for a few minutes and off the stove.
7. Take the mixture out of the stove and let it cool for some time.
8. Now take some dough into your hand and put some chocolate and make it in the form of a ladoo.
11. Mix the sesame seeds into **coconut** powder.
12. Now roll the ladoo in this mixture and coat it.
13. Do the same with remaining dough and serve them. **Enjoy!**

Ingredients

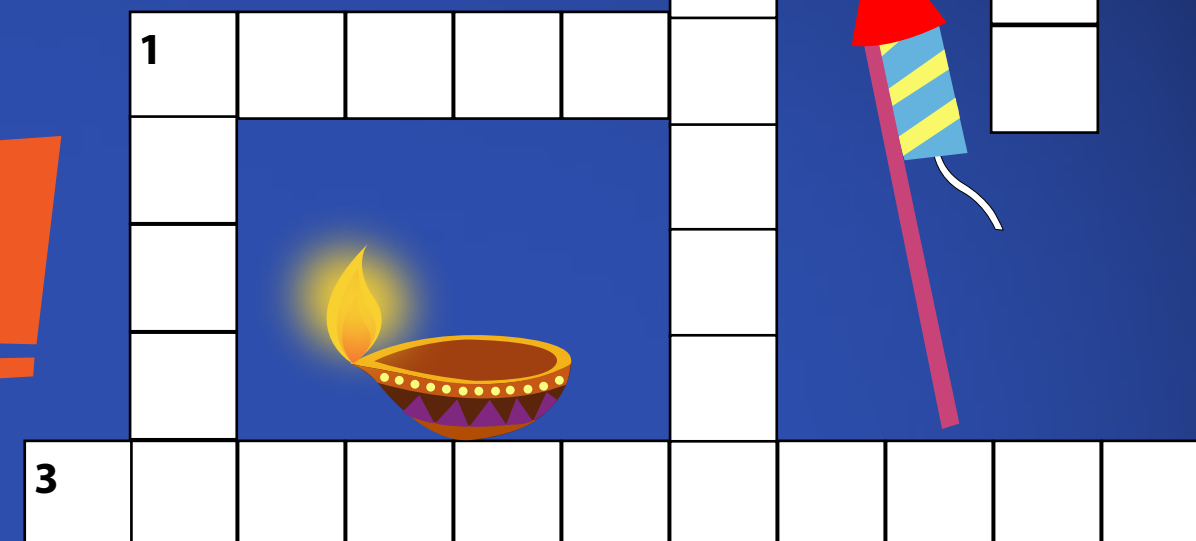
- 3/4 cup white sesame seeds
- 1 cup Dark Chocolate
- 1/2 cup dry coconut grated
- 1/4 cup peanuts
- 1 cup jaggery
- 4 tbsp ghee



FESTIVALS OF INDIA!



Dussehra & Diwali Crossword



Across

- 1 Diwali is festival of _____.
- 2 What Is Lit To Decorate Houses?
- 3 These Are Burst To Celebrate Diwali.

Down

- 4 The Name Of The Evil 10 Headed Demon.
- 1 What is Hindu Goddess called?
- 2 Which Festival Celebrates The Victory Of Rama Over Ravan(Good Over Evil)



Baby Worries

Q: First tell us something about yourself.

I was a primary school teacher for 20 years, working in Australia and the UK. Whilst teaching in England, I started to write educational articles for Scholastic magazines and then they commissioned me to write some books for them. I now have over 90 teacher resource books published with Scholastic, Oxford University Press, Folens, MA Education, Hopscotch, Parragon and Blake Education. I returned to Australia in 2015 and now live in Tasmania.

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

When I was 9 years old I had a very supportive teacher who encouraged me to write. I created little story books for the classroom library! My first teacher resource book was published in 1992.

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

I wrote two educational picture books in 2021, Monster Counting Book 1 to 20 and Noisy Animal ABC. Then I wrote A Dinosaur Came To My Birthday Party which was published in January 2022. All three books were self-published and are available on Amazon. My latest book, Baby Worries, is my best book yet! It is being launched on Kickstarter from 27th September until the end of October 2022.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

I like to write fun books that have an educational aspect to them. I believe that children should enjoy reading and learning so I try to make my books as entertaining as possible.

Baby Worries is about a baby who meets his extended family for the first time and starts to worry about what he might look like when he grows up. His imagination runs away with him and he imagines the craziest things! The book can be enjoyed for sheer entertainment but can also be used as a discussion starter to talk about feelings/ worries. I have created several printable activity packs and parent/ teacher guides to go with each book.

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

I was a teacher for many years and I love sharing things with kids and reading kids' books. I especially love picture books so I have always wanted to write my own.

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

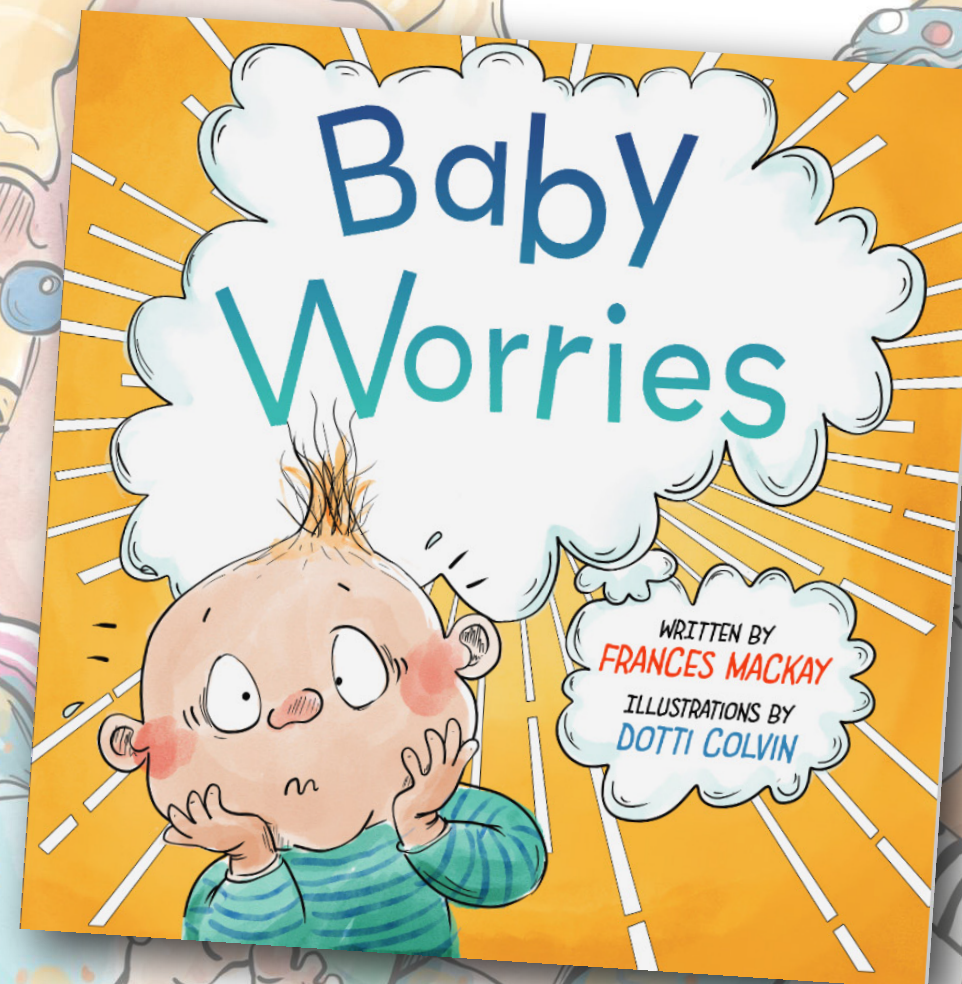
When my nephew brought his baby son to meet his family at one of our family get togethers, the look on the baby's face was hilarious. He looked at everyone with a very quizzical face as if to say 'Who on earth are you lot?' It set my own imagination spinning and 'Baby Worries' was created.

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

I would love KidlioMag readers to have a look at my Kickstarter campaign to see all the goodies we have on offer during the campaign - such as bumper home learning bundles, hand-knitted teddy bear, fake magazine covers with your own photos, online drawing lessons with the illustrator, signed hi-res digital prints - and much more. **Simple go to [Kickstarter.com](https://www.kickstarter.com) and search for Baby Worries - or visit my website www.francesmackay.com**

www.francesmackay.com/

Frances Mackay



Strange Trips and Weird Adventures



John Walker Pattison

Q: First tell us something about yourself.

John Walker Pattison was born in the wonderful seaside town of South Shields 65 years ago. He is a long-suffering, yet dedicated Newcastle United supporter; however, there is little doubt that the crucial hinge in John's life, is his beautiful wife, June. "Nothing is more important than family," says John.

He recently retired from his post as a senior clinical nurse specialist and Macmillan nurse in haematology at his local hospital, a place that established his cancer diagnosis over 48 years ago; at that time his parents were told that he would not survive, yet here he is today, humbled to be one of the longest living cancer survivors in the UK today.

Pattison has recently completed his memoirs, 'Me, and My Shadow – memoirs of a cancer survivor' which will be published in late 2022.

His first children's book, 'Strange Trips and Weird Adventures' is the first in a series of adventures of Daniel and Papa; available to a worldwide audience and will be followed by 'Blenkinsop Blabbermouth and the Ghost of Broderick McCaffery'; then, 'The Fastest Water Pistol in Splodge City.' His fourth title, 'The Kingdom of Huckleberry Jam,' was recently completed.

He enjoys the solitude and escapism of fly fishing and photographing Native Americans. More significantly, he found solace throughout his cancer journey in the history, and spirituality of the Lakota Sioux Nation. In 2018, he would spend time on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation with the indigenous people of South Dakota, the people who, unknowingly, supported him through his, and life's greatest challenge, cancer.

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

Due to the pandemic and his chronic illnesses as a consequence of the salubrious chemotherapy and radiotherapy he received decades earlier, he decided to put pen to paper and document the elasticated stories he has been telling his grandchildren for many years.

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

'Strange Trips and Weird Adventures' was published in July 2022 by Austin Macauley. It is the first of four books that are completed, with a planned fifth started recently.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

Pattison's books are intended to capture the imagination of young children - a mix of escapism, adventure, and of course magic. The books all feature Daniel, an eleven-year-old born with the gift of intrigue, and his best friend Papa, who has a different story for every day. After all, no one, but no one, could tell a tale like Papa, not even Pinocchio. But no matter where the intrepid duo go, trouble is never far away.

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

Pattison has the philosophy that; 'Amazing children love amazing stories.' These books have been written with that in mind, and he is determined to bring a smile to the faces of children around the world. Pattison wants children to feel as though they are part of the adventure. Since the publication of his first book, he has undertaken well over a dozen school visits to talk about his work and read extracts. Just seeing the faces of the children is worth more than ANY royalty cheque, says John.

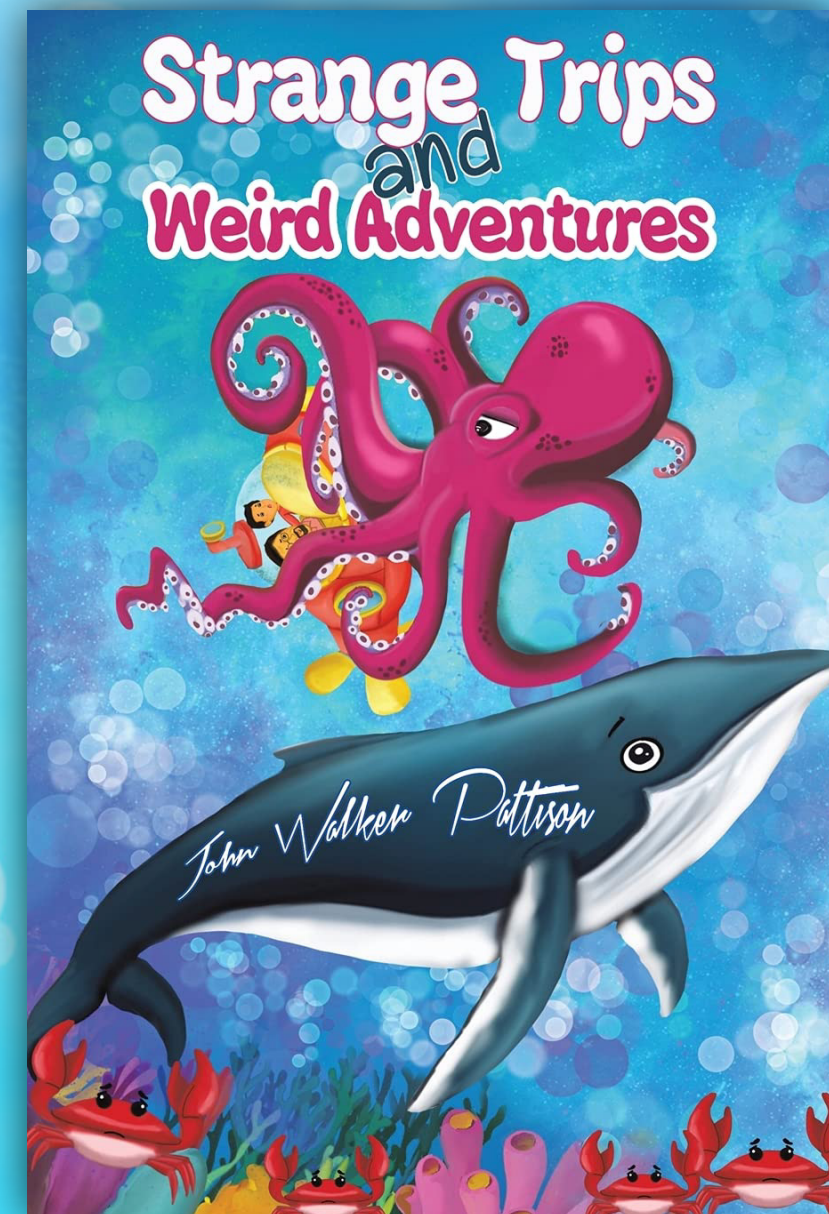
Q: How did these stories and characters come to your mind?

John Walker Pattison has been telling his Grandchildren of his exploits for many years - like the time he climbed Mount Everest barefoot and captured the Abominable snowman before letting him go again, or the time he flew a sherbet-fuelled rocket to Jupiter. Not to mention his time in the FBI, or how he won the world's greatest steeplechase, The Grand National, on a donkey called 'Slowcoach.' All true stories...

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

Search for your dreams among those marshmallow clouds, dreams do come true.

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No one could tell a tale like Papa, not even Pinocchio...

He told Daniel of his fights with lions, tigers and even a great white shark; he had even captured the Loch Ness Monster before letting it go again...

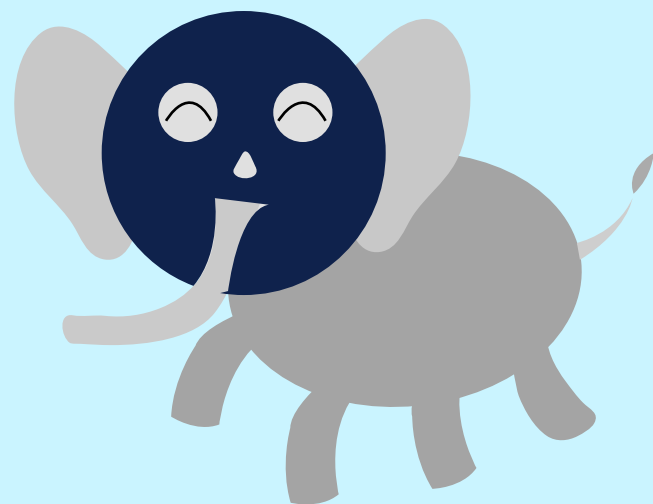
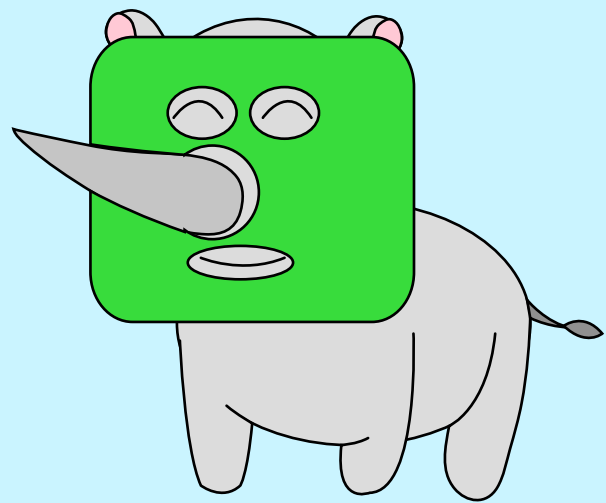
Papa claimed to have climbed Mount Everest barefoot and had slurped tea with the queen of England. He had done it all, an undercover agent for the FBI, a champion rodeo rider and he had even swum across the Atlantic Ocean in just one day...

Daniel had heard most of Papa's claims before, but now he was ready to be part of the next weird adventure...

The feisty twelve-year-old was born with the gift of intrigue, willing and keen to search out trouble wherever and whenever he could, and once the trouble had been discovered, he would always blame Papa...

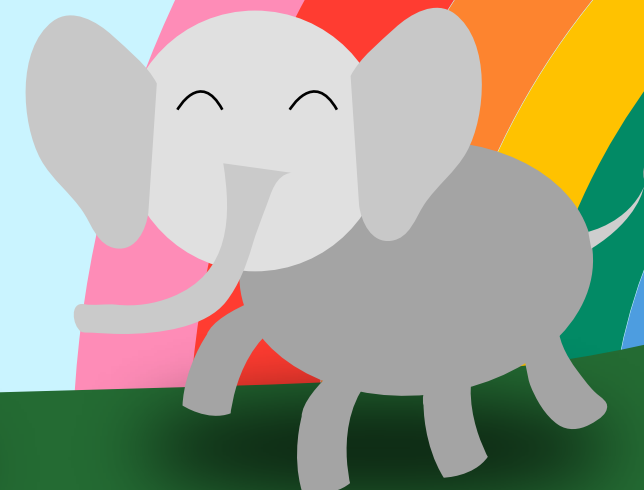
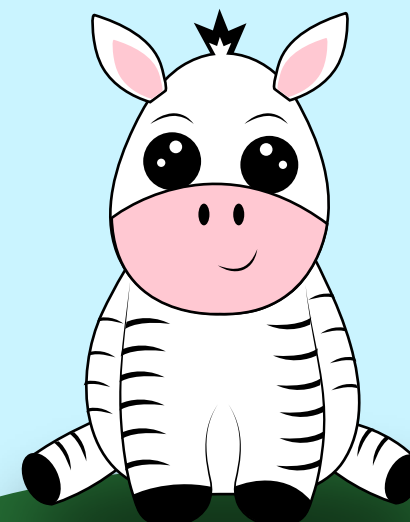
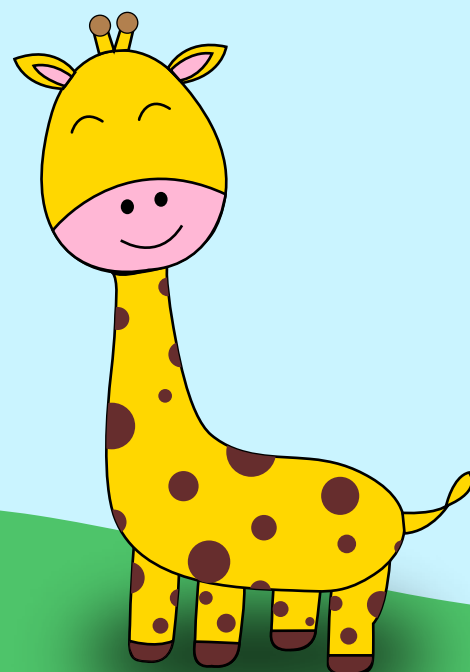
This first chronicle of adventures of Daniel and Papa includes four very different adventures of suspense and mystery; but no matter where they go, trouble is never far away...

Fasten your seat belt and join Daniel and his best friend, Papa, on their 'Strange Trips and Weird Adventures'

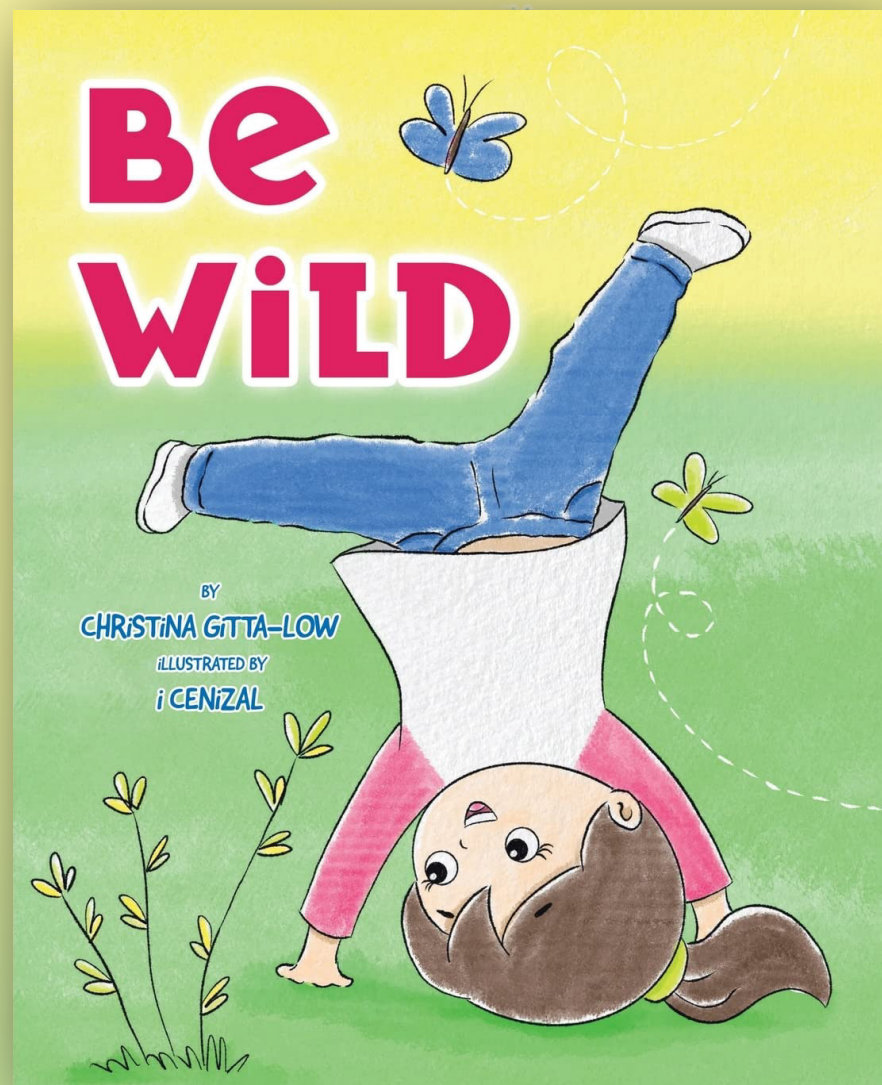


Who's Behind The Mask?

Match The animals with the correct ones given below.



Be Wild



It is tough to be told what to do and how to be. Sometimes kids need to move. Sometimes kids need to be kids. Teresa is a kid that has to be wild, so she runs, climbs, swings and bounces everywhere. She can hear but isn't always the best listener. Be Wild is based on true childhood stories about the author.

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amazon

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I am a happy mom of two little kids. I enjoy reading storybooks and cookbooks.

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

As a child I enjoyed creative writing which was something I did a lot with my mom. As an adult, before having children of my own, I allowed life to get in the way of my dreams. I built a career in healthcare and my husband and I put off having children. We worried about "getting our lives on the right track."

At 35 we were expecting our son and I started walking daily. Creative ideas started popping into my mind which I jotted down in the notes section of my phone. After my son was born every time my good friend or mom came for a visit they always brought a new picture book for us. Before long I was reading 20 or more books to my baby every day. We all enjoyed it immensely. This motivated me to turn my "notes" in my phone into stories. Within a short time I had so many stories written. Unfortunately my maternity leave was over all too soon and I had to return to work. My stories sat on my computer for the next year. Another year went by and then our daughter Autumn was born. Between feedings and sleepless nights I started to work on my stories again. After polishing a few I found Tellwell Talent publishing and the rest is history

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

My first story was written in 2019. It is not published. Not all of my stories are meant for publishing. Some of the process is just about getting the creative ideas out and not losing them or the idea. Sometimes I come back months later and turn them into something different. That's how "Be Wild" happened.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

Most of my books are about my own childhood stories about myself or my family. I write about my life or what I know then turn those ideas into short story books.

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

Reading books and telling stories is our favourite time of day. I enjoy children's stories so much that right now writing for children is my focus. Having children of my own motivated me to realize what is really important in life and that is storytelling.

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

The character Teresa, in "Be Wild" is based on my own childhood stories. Teresa is my middle name so I thought that was a good name for the main character. Over the years my nephews have always enjoyed hearing family stories. They laughed so much learning how wild I was as a child. I thought there must be other kids who are, or were just as wild as I was and would like to hear a story about being wild and active. Now I'm bringing those stories to life.

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

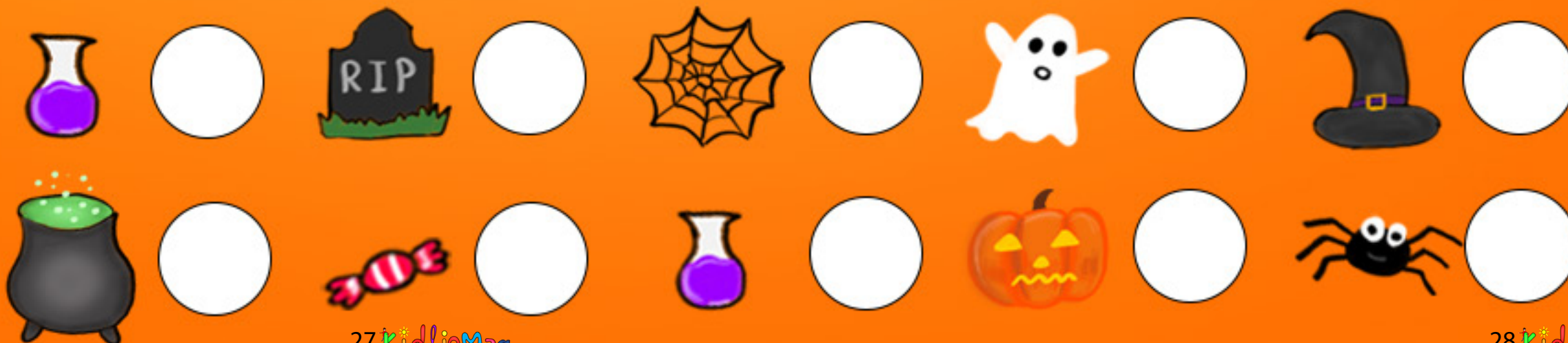
Be wild. Be silly. Be free. Be kind.



Christina Gitta-Low



Spooky i Spy FUN



★ CHANCE TO DANCE ★

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

Hello Book readers!!! Keisha D. Bussey has been an educator for the past 22 years and has a love and passion for dance. She is a God-fearing woman. Keisha D. Bussey, is a true "Valley Girl", originally born and raised in Harlingen, Texas. Keisha has been dancing since she was in her mother's womb. She discovered her love for dance at the Boys & Girls Club as a young girl. She later moved to Alexandria, Louisiana while at Bolton High School and continued to have a love for dance. She has been professionally trained at different dance studios and colleges. Her love for dance continues to grow daily as she teaches. She resides in Houston, Texas teaching dance to elementary students at Carter Academy Elementary School for the Performing Arts. She has also collaborated with elementary dance teachers to create a written dance curriculum for grade levels K-5. Keisha is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated in the graduated Chapter Alpha Kappa Omega Houston area.

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

I have always had a passion for dance. When I was a little girl I spent most of my time at the Boys & Girls Club after school programs. I discovered the love of dance and love it! I have been professional trained at different dance studios and colleges. My love for dance continues to grow daily as a dance educator for 19 years. I believe in implementing dance books into dance curriculum while teaching. As a little girl, I always had a love for books. My mother taught me to enhance my imagination while reading. I give credits to early reading with my mother for an increase in my reading fluency as I became a more effective reader throughout school.

Fierce6 Elite Dance started in summer of July of 2017. I had a vision of 12 girls to start this dance journey with. I wanted to teach dancers who were experienced in dance or never danced before to have a "Chance to Dance". All of my students who have started to dance with me have watched them grow to be beautiful dancers. I have had the pleasure of taking my dancers to dance competitions in the Houston areas. We have grown into a Fierce6 Elite Dance Company throughout the years.

Then I decided to take it a little further by writing a children's book. I have always wanted to write a children's book because I have a passion for dance and writing. I'm a visionary person, so I wanted lots of illustrations for my children's book. I started writing years ago, brainstorming on ideas I could write in my journal into creating my manuscript. My inspiration came from my third-grade reading teacher and also my High School AP teachers who pushed me to read, use journals, and write at the beginning of class time while listening to music.

My journey as a writer was a long process because I started with a chapter book then decided I wanted to change it to a children's book. There were a few life-changing things that came up, so the process was longer than I expected. I'm happy for the learning experience of becoming an author. Chance to Dance tells the story of Keisha, a fierce, sassy, and full of energy dancer who is excited about learning how to dance. This book allows children to "Dream Big," follow their hearts desires, believe in themselves, have a vision, and pursue it!

<https://keishadbussey.com/>



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

I wrote my first story between 2018 and 2019 and yes it is published

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

Chance to Dance children's book journey as a writer was a long process because I started with a chapter book then decided I would change it to a children's book. I started writing years ago, brainstorming on ideas I could write in my journal into creating my manuscript. There were a few life-changing things that came up, so the process was longer than I expected. I'm happy for the learning experience of becoming a new business owner and a new author.

Chance to Dance book: tells the story of Keisha, a curious, smart, brave, fierce, sassy, and full of energy dancer and most of all a dreamer, who is excited about learning how to dance. When her Chance To Dance comes to reality she goes all in. This book allows children to "Dream Big," follow their hearts desires, believe in themselves, have a vision, and pursue it! Never Miss a Chance to Dance.

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

I have been teaching elementary students for the past 22 years and I wanted my audience to be to the children I have taught to read, write and love to dance. I love to read to them and picture books are the best print to have students learn how to read.

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

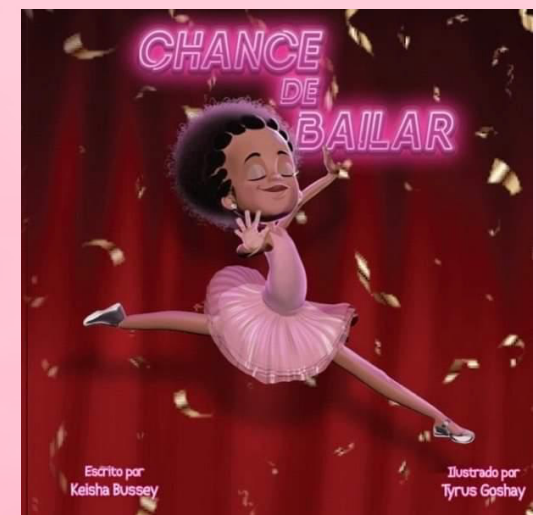
The character Keisha came to mind during a dream I had about a little girl who had BIG DREAMS, and my name is Keisha and I have not seen any characters named Keisha.



CHANCE TO DANCE

A curious, smart, fierce, sassy, and full of energy dancer is excited about learning how to dance. Keisha surprises us with dance moves. This book allows readers to be whoever they want to be and allows them to "Dream Big," follow their hearts desires, believe in themselves, have visions, and pursue it!

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

Keep reading and learning new things. Work hard, set your goals, practice and most of all "Dream Big" and Never Miss a chance To Dance.

THE CONCH CASTLE

Pearl City

Hundreds of kids thronged at the beach for sea breeze, seafood and amusements. Shaun and Seth yearned to go to the beach for one reason, the seashells. At the age of four Shaun had a sharp eye for shells and a curiosity for everything he saw on and under the beach sand. Soon after his little brother Seth was big enough to join him in the fun, Shaun's enthusiasm increased twofold. He was determined to teach his brother all he knew about shells.

'Hey Seth, the ones you like are olive shells', grinned Shaun.

'Not just these', Seth replied taking out few more from his pouch. After a careful look at them Shaun said, 'Oh you've got limpets too'

Seth wasn't as keen as his big brother to learn names and didn't care to find out what olive shells and limpets meant. Their happy feet brought out the shells that lay hidden under the sand. At times they found sand dollars and shark teeth too.

'Come on Seth, someday may even discover a **Treasure**', chuckled Shaun and his little brother shrieked in delight, 'Oh yeah we are beachcombers'.

Mommy Sridevi suggested that Shaun carry two pouches instead of one and he politely refused saying, 'Birds also need shells to build nests'.

The boys talked non-stop as they collected **SHELLS** of various shapes, colours and designs. Sridevi overheard their conversations and was proud of Shaun's strong memory for details. Only after their pockets and pouches were filled, the boys sat down to enjoy other sights and sounds. like the Calls of sea birds, ships at the horizon, kids on amusement rides screaming with glee, the glow of the sun, murmur of the waves and the different hues of the distant skies mesmerized them.

Shaun was fond of cockle and conch shells. Sridevi can't forget the day Shaun came running to her screaming, 'Mom it's a Conus, can you believe, it's a Conus'. Only a fortnight before Sridevi had shown Shaun pictures from 'The book of Shells' and taught him that Conus also called as 'Glory of the sea cone' is an expensive and rare shell. From then on, he was always on the look-out for a Conus or a nautilus or a cowrie. Shaun was determined to gift his mom with rare seashells and so he had a drawing of these rare shells in his pocket to look over. After convincing Shaun that what he gave her wasn't a Conus, Sridevi decided to wear it as an ornament since it was given to her with love and it vaguely resembled a Conus.



The brothers became popular in their school. Everyone admired their shell crafts. On special days, teachers looked forward to receiving seashell wall hangings from Shaun and Seth and the brothers never disappointed them.

Known as the little **Conchologists** of Pearl City, Shaun was brilliant and outgoing enough. He was always ready with lengthy explanations for his friends who were eager to know more. Funny as it was, day after day Seth tried hard to pronounce terms like conchologist, tritons and crustaceans correctly.

When Shaun was busy with his friends teaching them, clarifying doubts, little Seth disappeared into their

coconut grove where he built a small castle with shells, sea glass and glue. Almost always, Shaun too gave him a helping hand. Mommy dearest was ever ready with her ideas and imaginations of making the castle bigger to look better. Sridevi helped the boys with carrying some rocks, on top of which, the shell castle was built. While carrying the rocks Shaun sang aloud, 'The wise man built his house upon the rock'

Windows of the castle was made with sea glass that had a nice buttered look. Since Shaun was a fan of

Harry Potter, Sridevi and Seth made sure the castle had few turrets and towers too. When it was all done, it wasn't too tiny.

'A little smaller than the Cagle Castle, right mom?' said Shaun slowly and loudly.

Sridevi hugged Shaun 'Oh yes!'

'Now, what's a Cagle **CASTLE** mom', asked Seth, looking a bit annoyed about his ignorance.

'Nothing but a **dwarf** castle honey', answered Sridevi as she helped Seth with spreading seaweeds around the conch castle. 'It's in Georgia. It's our bedtime story for today'.

'You can tell me the story when we walk back home, can't you?', Seth asked politely.

Beaming, Sridevi seized Seth by his shoulders 'Well, all right'.

On a rainy morning, as mommy and boys went to check on the castle, they saw a **Kitten** rushing out of it.

'Wow, our shell castle is waterproof too, a refuge for small animals'

'Don't call it shell castle mom', snapped Seth. 'Call it the conch castle'.

Soon after the table roses and periwinkles around the conch castle began to bloom, the brothers invited their teachers and friends to take a look at their creation. Many friends got down on all fours to take a peek inside and found it stunning.

'How did you manage to build pillars inside?' asked Shaun's bestie.

'Look through the windows', replied Seth enthusiastically, bounding forwards 'you can see furniture and lamps'

'Lamps made of seaweed?'; a girl asked incredulously.

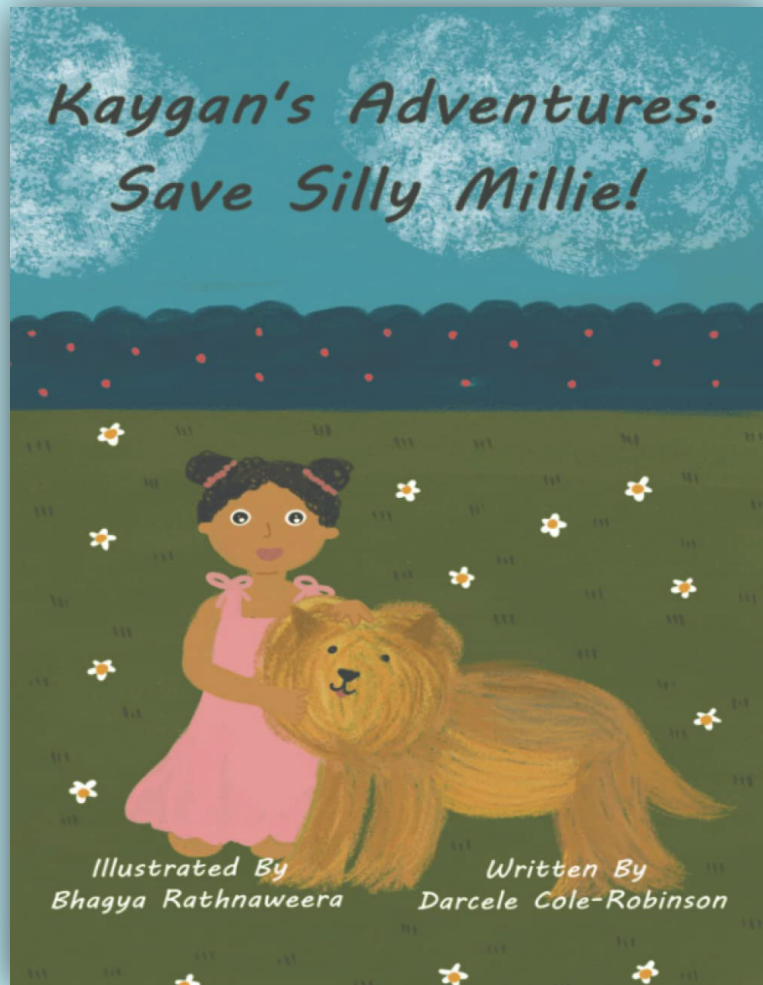
Then on, every evening Conch castle had visitors and the brothers were busy taking them on a tour around their coconut grove as well as embellishing the castle.

Sridevi smiled, 'Larger and stronger the base, bigger and better your castle will be'.

Written by Elsa Lycias Joel



Kaygan's Adventures: Save Silly Millie!



In this story we get a glimpse of a child who encounters the reality of death. My granddaughter lost her dog, Millie, who was her best friend. I wanted to help her heal by writing this story about her little friend, and to let her know how much Nana Darcele loves her.

As you read this book with your child, grandchild, or student, remember that this story might bring back memories for them. Feel free to talk about their memories, how they hurt, how they handled this hurt, and how friends are there to support each other during times like these.

Some children, when facing a difficult emotion or a trauma, will ask questions and wonder aloud about the characters in this book. Other children are content to just listen and take it all in.

available at
amazon

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

My name is Darcele Robinson, and I am a children's book author. I love traveling and shopping.

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

I always wanted to write as a teenager, but when my granddaughter dog passed away. She went through a trauma, it made me want to write down her hiccups and strategies about what she missed about her millie.

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

I wrote my book last year and it is independently picture published June 2022.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

This book is about grief, support, hurt and healing. A little girl name Kaygan, Kaygan spends a lot of time with Millie and even considers Millie a friend, In her old age, Millie starts to slow down to the point that Kaygan knows something is wrong. The vet can't help Millie, but Kaygan wants nothing more than to save Millie—so she prays. The answer to her prayers is not what she desires, but through friends and family, she discovers hope, support, and healing.

Q: Why do you choose kids as your reader ?

Children literacy, the early you can get them to read the better. is there any specific reason?

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

I added my god children and my grand daughters on weekends and we just talk about different things. I write and discuss the strategies. The characters make it easy for children to relate.

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

Yes, death is very emotional experience and cab be traumatic for a child. I want to handle this sensitive topic in a very loving way and opens the door for communicating feelings of grief.



DARCELE COLE-ROBINSON

Sunlight

Sunlight,
The **Golden** beauty of the day.
It's joyous, it's **gorgeous**,
And shines out our way.

The **Bringer** of energy,
The **Bringer** of purity,
The **Bringer** of life,
The source that makes us happy.

In a universe of **darkness**,
A **Golden** speck of **light** exists for us.
Just us, little specks of nothingness,
Who live in their own **universe**.

Just trying to figure out things,
To get better at being we.
And the **golden sunlight**,
Never fails to give us hope and glee.

Krishti Khandelwal
13 Yr Old
New Delhi

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Name: Heroes the Colour of Dust

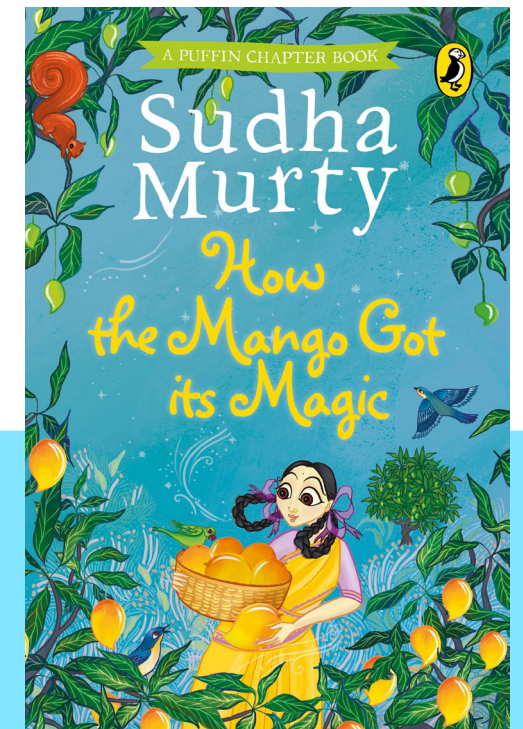
Author: Amit Majmudar

Publisher: Penguin India

Description: Everything in this book is absolutely true, including the things that happened, the things that didn't really happen and the things that would have happened if history had been more interested in telling an exciting tale!

Gandhi and his followers intend to set out on their long walk to Dandi to protest a salt tax, but little do they know of the dangers that stand in their way. They mustn't despair, for a group of fearless sparrows are ready for self-sacrifice and derring-do. They've made a resolution, you see, to protect Gandhi from any foe-bird, mutt or Britisher.

Open this book to join the ranks of the Mahatma's Guards-heroes six, with India's greatest poet in the mix-as their adventure takes wing!



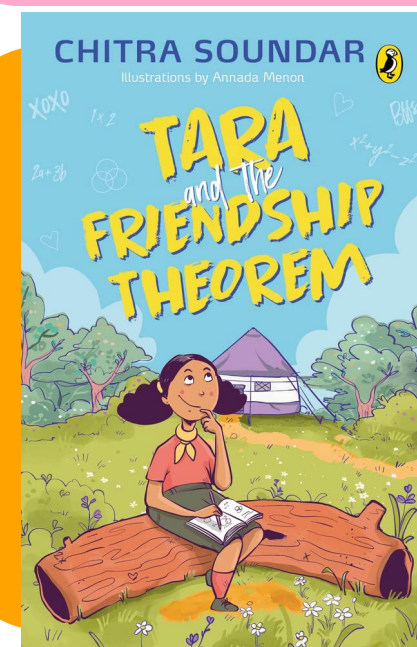
Name: How the Mango Got its Magic

Publisher: Penguin India

Author: Sudha Murty

Description: We all love the sweetness of mango and how it quenches our thirst on a hot summer day, but have you ever wondered how the mango got its magical sweetness?

The tale of how such sweetness came into existence is a fascinating one indeed. India's favourite storyteller brings alive this delightful tale with her inimitable wit and simplicity. Bursting with captivating illustrations, this gorgeous chapter book is the ideal introduction for beginners to the world of Sudha Murty.



Name: Tara and the Friendship Theorem

Author: Chitra Soundar

Publisher: Penguin India

Description: Tara and her best friend, Farida, are experts at the traditional Indian game of Pallanguzhi. But when Tara's family relocates to the UK, Tara has to say goodbye to her best friend. Who shall she beat at Pallanguzhi now? As Appa and Amma get the new home ready, Tara and her brother check in to a weekend retreat, Camp Wilderness. Wow. Do Tara's parents even know who she is? She's more what you'd call an indoorsy person, with her love of coding and maths. To distract herself from all the trees and animals and general wildlife - shudder - she sets out to find a new friend. No one can ever replace Farida, but Tara's determined to find someone almost as awesome. This is the perfect opportunity to test her Friendship Theorem! Maths has never let Tara down before - surely it can help now? But as Tara applies her theorem at Camp Wilderness, could she miss a friendship that is blossoming right under her nose?

Atman Soulify Learning Training and Enrichment Academy organised Kids Musical Retreat Event on 28th August'22

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Jissha Nair, Founder & Creator of Atman Training Enrichment Academy, Tulips Academy & Vati One with Nature is an Passionate Creative Educator| Trainer| Artist| Author & Healer.

Tulips Academy is her first dream into reality nurturing children right from infant care 3 months of age to Kindergarten i.e 6 yrs of age. She believes in Guru shishya parampara model where a guru is connected until the age of 18 & didn't want to stop there so her learning proceeded further to equip with Teaching the Gradeschoolers, Parent's, Teacher's in ways & contribute more to society as she is an active Learner. And she Quotes "Learning doesn't stay with you, it needs to be shared, Learn, Share, Lead!

She created the space of Atman Training and Enrichment Academy to contribute more to society through workshops for Kids & Training programmes for Student's, Teacher's & Parents.

Atman Training and Enrichment Academy marked it's Kids Musical Retreat on 28th August'22 at Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan School Pune's First Ever Musical Retreat by Kids

Kids Musical Retreat Event wasn't a competition it was being in love with the art of music without competing. Making eachone the Best Melodious Performers. The stage marked it's presence by Melodious Performers making it a wonderful Melodious Evening.

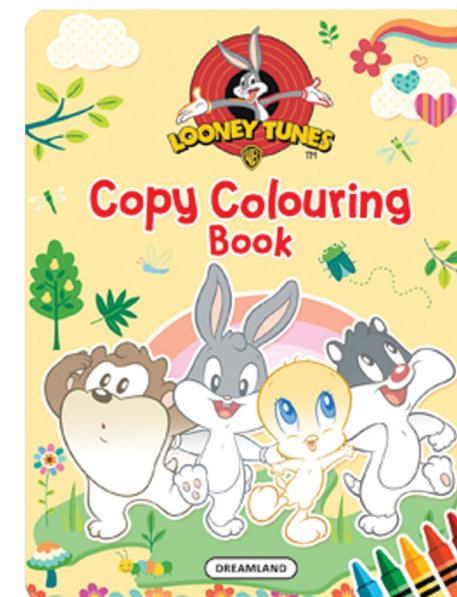
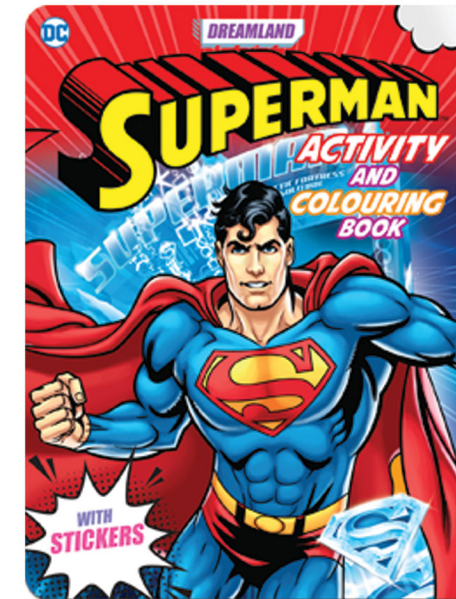
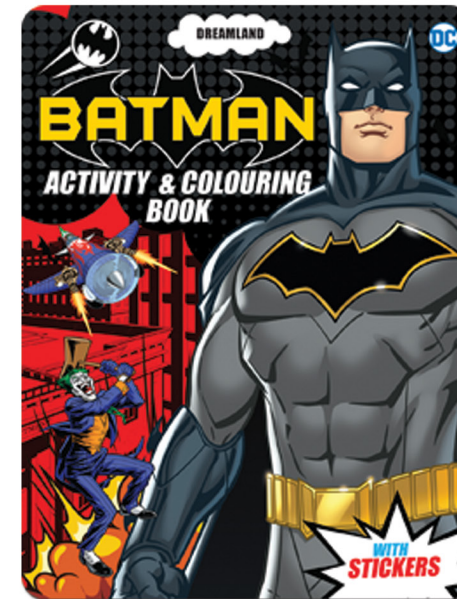
Vivaan Bohra 5 yrs, Riddhish Patil 5 yrs, Vandit Bakliwal 7 yrs, Aarohi Malwan- kar 7 yrs, Anvi Saini 9 yrs, Aaryan Nair 11 yrs, Charvi Mundra 11 yrs, Chaitya Shah 11 yrs, Vishrut Bakliwal 11 yrs, Bhakti Ghongade 14 yrs, Varad Muley 14 yrs, Trisha Kumbhar 11 yrs, Sarth Buch 16 yrs, Rashi Gandhi 21 yrs

Kids were marvelous in their performances and would be certainly considered as a vital part of further opportunities created by Atman Training & Enrichment Academy. The Chief Guest of the Event was Mr. ABHIJIT RAY, he is an Professional singer, Music Arranger with 30 yrs of Experience including International Performances.

Jissha Nair & Abhijit Ray were also part of Mentoring & Grooming Kids during Auditions Session conducted by Atman Training Academy. Special Guest of Honours are Reshu Aggarwal, Manju Kaira, Neha Sama, Anjali Jangam, Roma Kamat, Turnissa Chakroborty.

Kids were felicitated trophies & Certificates by the Guests sponsored by Tulips Academy & Vati ® One with Nature

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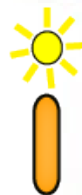
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