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## Editor's Note

Hello Friends,

Thank you!

I want to say "Thank you" to all as you made KidlioMag Possible and made my journey easy and memorable.

Practicing gratitude in kids at a young age could help them grow up to be happier people, so I think we all need to say "Thank you" regularly to those who give us gifts or show kindness or family members to give us values and culture. KidlioMag is a way to express my passion for books, art, and animation, so this edition is a way to show gratitude for all of you, because you made it possible and you all are Amazing.

In this edition, we have amazing books, games, and activities for the Thanksgiving Day Celebration, I hope you will like it.

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Dhruvin Dharmendra**

**DHRUVIN  
DHARMENDRA**





# SAKURA

## Stacey Culpepper



## Cover Story

**Q: First tell us something about yourself?**

I was born in California but have lived in the midwest, east coast, and central America. I was exposed to culturally diverse environments at a very young age and developed a love for reading and writing. As a child, my parents required me to take music, and the flute was my instrument of choice. I have been involved in theocratic education for over thirty years and it is the most fulfilling aspect of my life. I get to meet women and girls from local communities and see them grow from their exposure to critical thinking, reading, and the application of principles.

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

My journey as a writer started at the age of seven. I had to deal with the tragedy of losing my dog and wrote a song about it.

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

Over the years, I've dabbled in poetry and short stories, but my first published story was 'Priscilla's Homecoming Across the Sea'. It was published simultaneously with 'Body of Music' in 2015. 'SAKURA' is my latest story published in 2021.

**Q: Tell us something more about your books?**

All of my books feature girls and highlight the strengths of those characters. They encounter obstacles, but overcome them all. The stories also showcase the importance of strong family bonds.

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

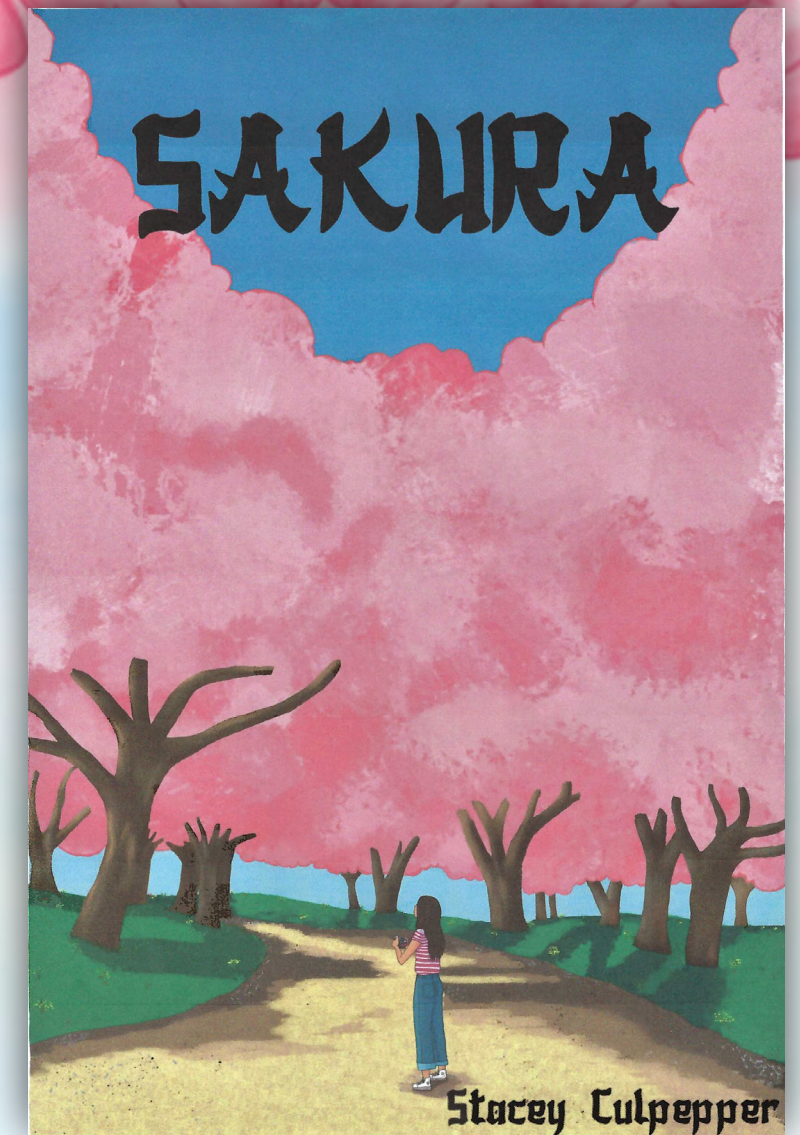
As a former primary school librarian, I noticed that most of our children's books were about animals, inanimate objects, or boys. I saw the need for more books with female protagonists, so I started writing stories for and about girls.

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

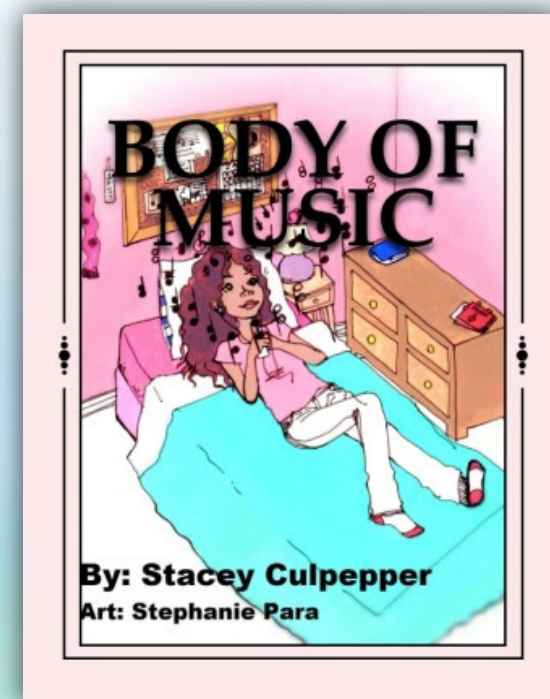
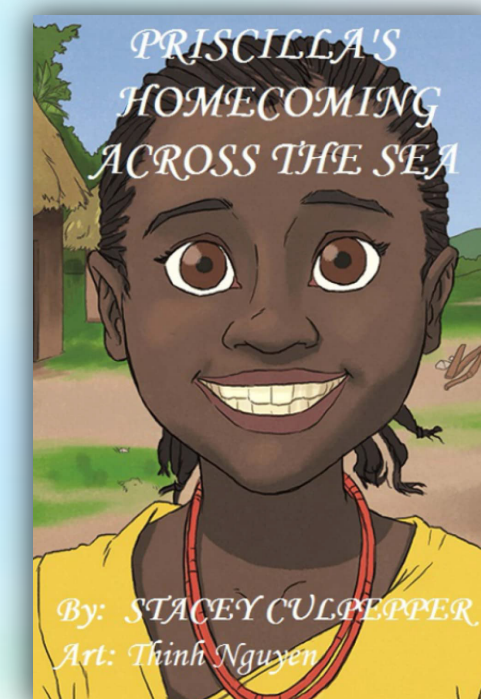
My inspiration comes from personal experiences or those of someone close to me. Often times, the characters come from the many fascinating people I've met in life. My characters are all present with challenges but always have what it takes to conquer them.

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

I want them to allow their minds to be open to new experiences by developing and maintaining their love for reading. Children can take morals they learn in stories, and feel confident to face anything in life. Literacy is liberating!



This is a true story that follows the life of a young girl re-named Priscilla who was torn away from her village in Sierra Leone and sold into slavery. Young readers will be inspired to learn that out of bad experiences persistent courage can lead to triumph.





# A to Z of Mini Muslims

**Q: First tell us something about yourself?**

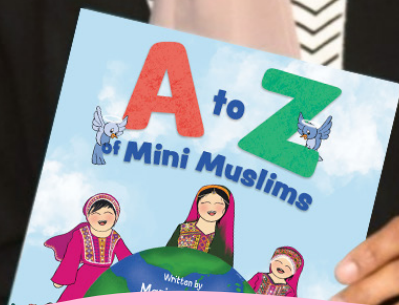
Hi there, my name is Mariam Latifi and I am Australian-Afghan author based in Sydney Australia. I was born in Afghanistan and raised in Australia. I am a wife and a mother to three beautiful girls. I had graduated from the University of Sydney (B.Ed Primary) and have been working as a primary school teacher for over a decade specialising in Teaching English to speakers of other languages. I am also a community activist/volunteer. I am passionate about making a positive difference in my community and empowering young children. I had recently won the NSW Local Women of the Year 2022 Award for my contribution and volunteer work in my community and as well as an Honorary Award for my distinctive role in the

community in supporting and promoting children's cultural identity and understanding. So, you can tell I love giving back to my community and making a difference. I love reading, writing and doing lots of hands-on and fun activities with my kiddies! I love watching my footy (Go the Eels!!!) and love to play cricket! I love baking and making sweet treats!

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

I had always LOVED reading and making up short stories and writing it for my girls. One day my eldest daughter asked questions about her faith, culture and identity and I was looking for some great children's book to inspire and read to her but found that unfortunately there was a lack of it. So, I was determined to write a children's book where she will see diverse representations and feel proud and connected by it and that is how my journey as a writer began with self-publishing my first children's book "A to Z of Mini Muslims."

## Mariam Latifi



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

I had began writing my first children's book last year when we were in lockdown (in May 2021). At that time, I was also studying for my final semester of my Masters degree in TESOL (through distance at Monash University). While writing my first book, I was also very busy with my 3 young girls (who were under 5 at that time) and with continuing my volunteer work for my community by running a children's playgroup. My book was independently published in November 2021 (so in about 6 months I was able to successfully self-publish my first children's book. My books is available in three formats (eBook, Paperback and Hardcover), all available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Target, Dymocks Angus & Robertson, Booktopia, Book Depository and many others.

**Q: Tell us something more about your books?**

My children's book "A to Z of Mini Muslims: An alphabet book exploring all about Islam and being a Muslim" is about teaching and empowering young children to be proud of their faith, culture, and identity. It focuses on teaching children all about the Islamic faith with using child-friendly language and captivating illustrations. It is not just an ordinary alphabet book but a book with key messages of promoting religious awareness, tolerance, diversity and inclusivity. It helps dispel myths and stereotypes and is a valuable resource for teachers, students, parents, schools and libraries in promoting and enhancing children's religious world views as aligned to our Australian Curriculum. My "A to Z of Mini Muslims" has become an Award-Winning book receiving the Literary Titan Gold Award and was an Award-Winning Finalist in the Children's Religious category of the 2022 International Book Award and also a

Finalist for the 2022 Readers' Choice Book Awards in the category of Best Children's Book 3-7.

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

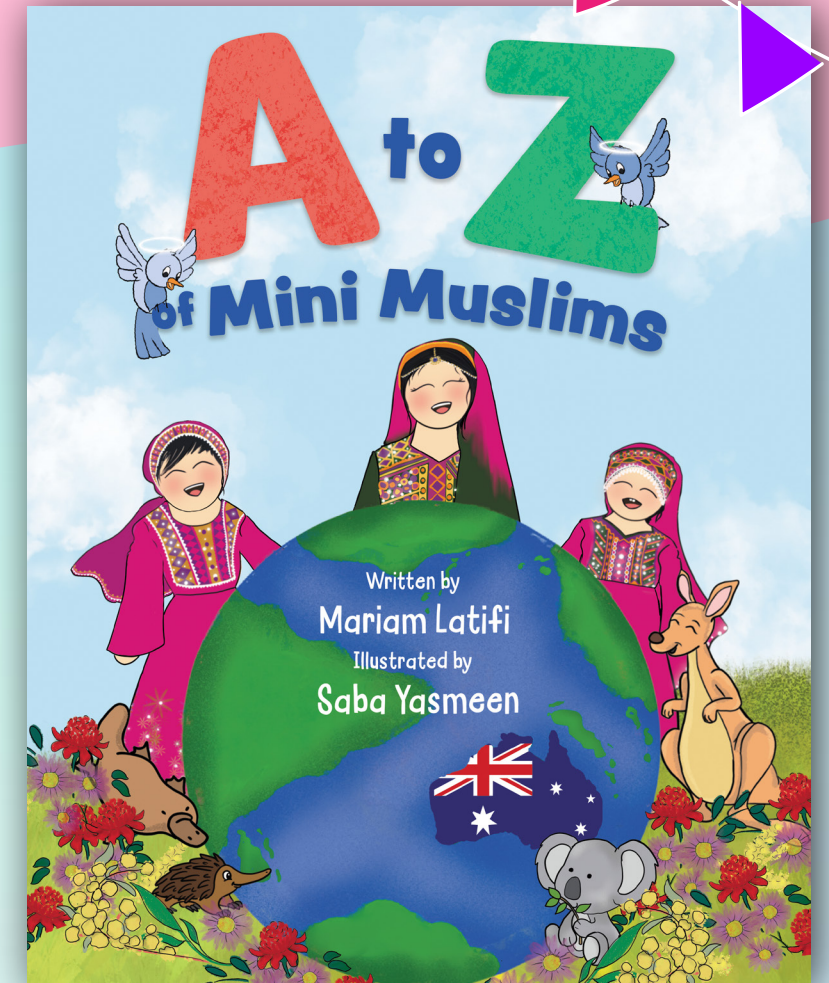
I aimed at choosing young children as my target audience/readers mostly because of my own kids. Our children are our future generation and tomorrow's leaders. Instilling the message of diversity and acceptance in our children starts with diverse books. So, creating future leaders starts early and with a diverse representation of children's books that enhances their religious world views, hence promoting their awareness and tolerance of diverse faiths and cultural backgrounds. My unique book not only connects to students' faith but also their identity as young Australians. These young children will grow up being proud of who they are. Therefore, promoting a tolerant society is through promoting a tolerant mind through the "A to Z of Mini Muslims". A tolerant world can only be created through tolerant young minds that have a global understanding and respect of other people's faith and culture.

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

My children were a source of inspiration for my children's book including the characters. I would not have been able to publish this book without my amazing illustrator Saba Yasmeen. She was able to see my vision and put it into place with every detail. As seen on the front cover, the three little girls are my girls dressed in their Afghan cultural clothes. I wanted my children to be proud of their cultural background and for many others to see diverse representation. Indeed my "A to Z of Mini Muslims" uses diverse representation of characters including embedding Australian themes and perspectives with references to the Australian landmarks, flora and fauna (which I absolutely love!). All this has been beautifully and meticulously illustrated by Saba Yasmeen.

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

Absolutely! To read you plant a seed, that seed will grow enabling you to succeed. So life is full of opportunities; take your chance and you will be amazed at where it leads. I would love to continue sharing my wonderful work I do and would love your amazing support. Please feel free to like and follow me on my socials (Instagram | Facebook | Twitter) and to help support me by purchasing my book and leaving reviews on my socials (including on amazon & good reads). I would love for this knowledge to spread to every home, schools, libraries and bookstores. We want to see more diverse books/representation on our bookshelves to help broaden our knowledge and understanding. Please feel free to visit [www.mariamlatifi.com.au](http://www.mariamlatifi.com.au) for more details or feel free to email me for any enquires you may have at [latifi.mariam@gmail.com](mailto:latifi.mariam@gmail.com) Looking forward to hearing where your knowledge takes you!



Utilising child friendly language and captivating illustrations, this book is a great source of learning for young children exploring all about Islam and being a Muslim.

This alphabet book, presented in an interactive manner, is a perfect tool to promote children's early literacy concepts and is a vital source in enhancing their vocabulary development.

This beautifully illustrated book is aimed at children from all ages to discover and learn about Islam from A to Z. This wonderful book promotes religious awareness, diversity and inclusivity whilst integrating Australian and Aboriginal perspectives.

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# Messy Marvyn's Rainy Day Fun

Cheryl M. Charles  
MESSY MARVYN & FRIENDS



Messy Marvyn's  
Rainy Day Fun

Illustrated by Chouette

**Q: First tell us something about yourself?**

Personally, I am an MS warrior. I've battled and lived with this chronic neurological disease for over 30 years, with the support of my husband and our beautiful grown children. I am a retired elementary school teacher and former registered nurse, and now I proudly have entered the challenging and rewarding field of evolving as a children's author.

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

My journey began over 25 years ago, after the birth of our daughter Clarissa. All parents of infants are sleep-deprived and happily overwhelmed by their little bundle of joy! My exhausted state allowed the characters of Messy Marvyn, Hungry Hannah, Cheery Clairey, Picky Paul, and Chatty Patty to pop into my imagination. Over the course of a few weeks, the characters seemed to be interacting, and in the end, a short cartoon reel of the first book began to play over and over again in my imagination. Finally, one day as my daughter napped, I wrote the story based on the plot line. This story would take over 25 years to see the light of day as my first book in the series. The first book is titled Messy Marvyn's Rainy Day Fun. As each book went into production for printing and distribution, another character friend would step forward, and their cartoon reel would begin to unfold slowly. Now, I'm accustomed to the process, and I'm no longer surprised when a character steps forward with their own story. My role is to embellish each story based on my journey as a mother and a teacher. For me to become an author, I needed more than a plot line. I needed to experience being a mom and a teacher. I needed to see the friendships and bonds that children form, whether they were positive or negative. I also use my understanding of age-appropriate curriculum and learning goals to guide my stories for each age group as the series grows with my readers as they get older. Opening the cover of each of my books is like a continuation and re-connection with dear friends.

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

The story was written over 25 years ago, but around the time of the onset of the Covid health pandemic, the manuscript reappeared, and then I misplaced it again in my home. This had been my normal experience and ongoing experience that continued for over two decades and five family moves. One day, it fell off my closet shelf as I was purging and re-organizing. It fell off a shelf and landed on my right foot. I took this as a sign, and it was "go time!"

**Q: Tell us something more about your books?**

Each book in the series encourages the reader to reflect upon what it means to be a good friend. How can you be a good friend? The plot lines and fun adventures of the characters show that true friendship does not include judging, bullying, or exclusion. Messy Marvyn & Friends are about a group of friends from diverse backgrounds who have their own quirky personalities. Their differences don't matter. The characters accept each other just as they are and have fun along the way. Their friendships are based on caring, acceptance, and kindness. The families of the characters are also loving and supportive of their children. The parents include racially mixed marriages, a strong and loving single mom, a two-mom family, and extended families. Messy Marvyn and Friends is a series that focuses on inclusion.

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

I love being a Mom. It's the hardest but most rewarding journey of my life. My students were also my kids, and I adored them! I observed the learning journey of all of my children as they learned to read and write. I encouraged a lifelong love of literacy. Now that my kids are adults and I am no longer in the classroom, I continue to support this love of reading by sharing my stories about Messy Marvyn and his circle of sweet friends.

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

The friends that you choose are important. Open your heart to friends that love, support, and lift you up. Look past race and gender, and focus on your friends' hearts. Celebrate your friends' unique qualities while embracing and loving your own individuality.



**Cheryl M. Charles**

**How do you choose your friends?**

Do you and your friends have to like the same video games, books, sports, and movies?

Do you and your friends have to look alike, think alike, and act the same way?

Do you know how to be a good friend? Being a good friend means that you like each other without judging, bullying, or exclusion.

Messy Marvyn & Friends is about a group of friends from diverse backgrounds who have their own quirky personalities. Their differences don't matter.

They accept each other just as they are, and they have a lot of fun along the way!





# UNSCRAMBLE

How many 3 or 4 letter words can you make from Caterpillar?



Cat

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# BE THE SPARKLE

The world can be a scary place. But if we work together, there are sparkles to be found everywhere.

Research shows that frightening news and scary current events can negatively affect a child's emotional and cognitive development and mental health by causing fear, anxiety, and stress. Be the Sparkle teaches young readers that they are not alone and shows them positive ways to respond when the world feels dark.



## Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I was born and raised in Salem, Oregon. I am married to my high school sweetheart, and together we have three beautiful daughters. I have worn many hats, some of which include a homeschool mom, preschool director, family ministry director, author, ex-pat, and advocate for children's mental health. I have traveled the world and currently live in Indonesia!

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

My writing journey began years ago when I started journaling my thoughts on my blog and social media. My writings have since been published in various magazines and websites such as SWAAY and tinybeans.com.

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

I wrote my first children's book, Tangled Up, in 2019 and it was published in 2020. It was a love letter to my daughter.

## Q: Tell us something more about your books?

My books focus on children's mental health. I want parents and children to connect through the stories and start conversations that they might not normally have.

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

Kids are so special! It's hard to be a kid these days, and I want children to feel special, to know they aren't alone, and to connect with the caregivers in their lives.

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

My daughters and other kids in my life help me think of and design the characters. In fact, in my latest book, Be the Sparkle, my daughters wanted their pet birds and pet snail on one of the pages, so we added them in. Can you find them? Kids are creative and it's fun to see their vision come to life!

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

You are loved and perfect just the way you are. So, swirl in bravery, create wonders and wander the world fiercely!



# JAMIE EDELBROCK



# DINOSAURS

**DINOSAURS** WERE AROUND **MILLIONS** OF YEARS AGO. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THEY WERE ON EARTH FOR A WHOLE **165 MILLION YEARS**. THEY BECAME EXTINCT AROUND **66 MILLION YEARS AGO**.

THERE WERE **700 DIFFERENT SPECIES** OF DINOSAURS. SOME WERE BIG, SOME WERE SMALL. THEY ROAMED THE LAND AND FLEW IN THE SKIES. SOME WERE **CARNIVORES**, AND OTHERS WERE **HERBIVORES!**

THE SINGLE BIGGEST DINOSAUR BONE EVER FOUND IS A 5x5 FT. **ARGENTINOSAURUS** VERTEBRA (BACKBONE) FOSSIL THAT WEIGHED OVER A **TON**. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE ARGENTINOSAURUS WEIGHED UP TO **100 TONNES** WHICH ARE THE SAME AS **15 ELEPHANTS!**

THE LONGEST **DINOSAUR**

**PTERODACTYL** WAS A **PTEROSAUR**, A TYPE OF FLYING REPTILE. IT WAS NOT A DINOSAUR, THOUGH IT LIVED DURING THE SAME PERIOD. **PTERODACTYLS** ARE THE LARGEST AND SCARIEST FLYING REPTILES IN ALL OF HISTORY.

SCIENTISTS NOW BELIEVE THE **SPINOSAURUS** WAS THE LARGEST **CARNIVOROUS (MEAT-EATING) DINOSAUR**. **SPINOSAURUS** LIVED BOTH ON LAND AND IN WATER LIKE A CROCODILE AND WAS ALIVE DURING THE CRETACEOUS PERIOD (ABOUT 145 TO 66 MILLION YEARS AGO).

**TYRANNOSAURUS REX** WAS THE MOST FEROCIOUS DINOSAUR. THE TYRANNOSAURUS ("TYRANT LIZARD") HAD THE LONGEST TEETH OF ANY CARNIVOROUS DINOSAUR AT 8 INCHES. THE TYRANNOSAURUS REX HAD THE STRONGEST BITE OF ANY **ANIMAL ON EARTH, EVER**



# The Gardener Knight



In the beautiful and colorful Kingdom of Flowers, a young Prince and a color-blind robot will have an adventure where they will learn about robots, algorithms, and the power of programming ourselves! Join them and learn with them the power of believing in you!

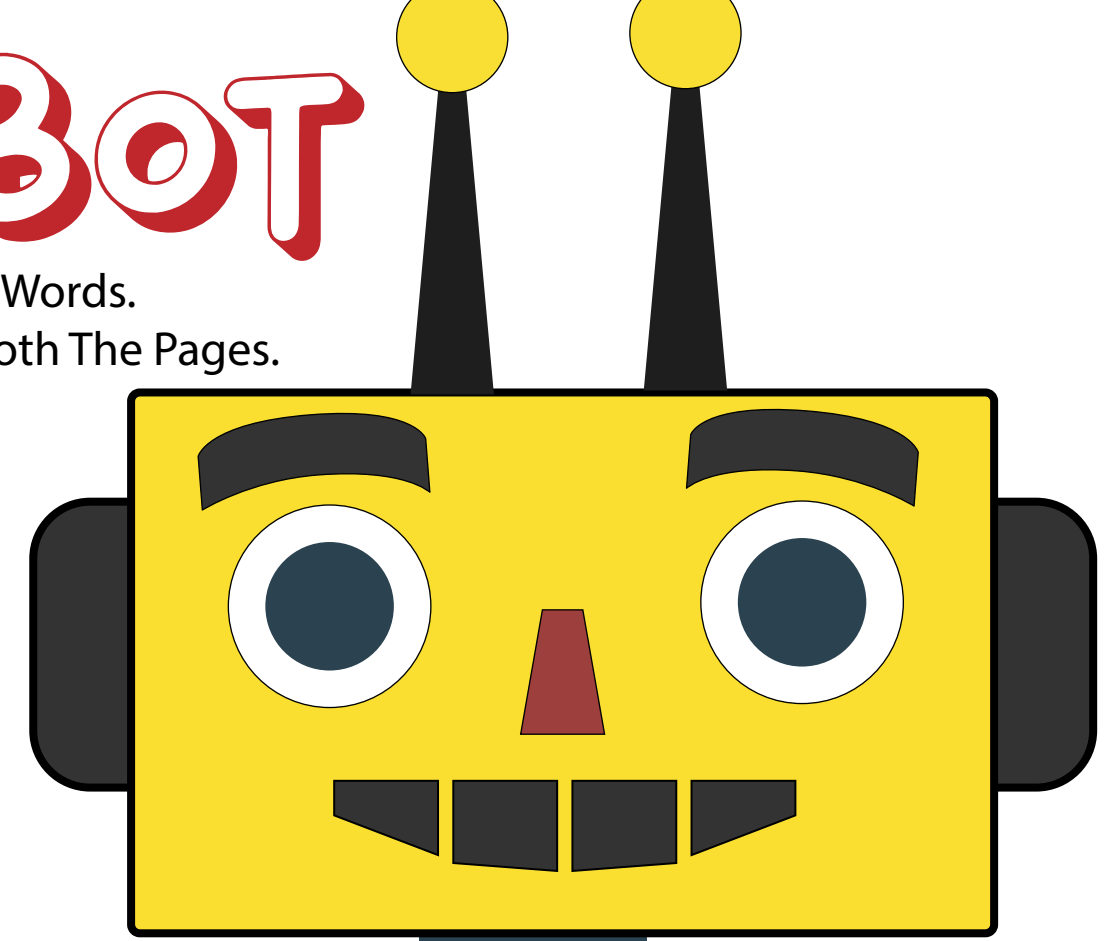


**PINELOPI  
ATHANASAKOU**

I am an expert teacher in Computer science with a MSc Degree in Digital Technologies Communication and Education of Manchester University. I work as a computer science teacher in public education.

# WORDBOT

Find Hidden Words.  
The Clues Are On Both The Pages.



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# Eli Finds His Zen

**Q: First tell us something about yourself?**

Hi there, my name is Ginette Valiquette. I'm a mom, nurse, yoga instructor and Reiki Master. I am a first-time children's author.

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

I had a dream that I wrote a children's book about my dog, Eli. When I woke in the morning, I wrote everything down. I shared the dream with a friend. She kept asking me if I had called anyone yet about publishing the book. I told her that I'm not a writer!! The notebook sat beside my bed for 6 months before I called Tellwell Publishing. When I finally made the call, my heart was pounding and my palms were sweating. I almost hung up when Ben from Tellwell called me back because I was so nervous! I closed my eyes, took my deep cleansing breaths, and decided that I was going to follow a dream and make myself proud.

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

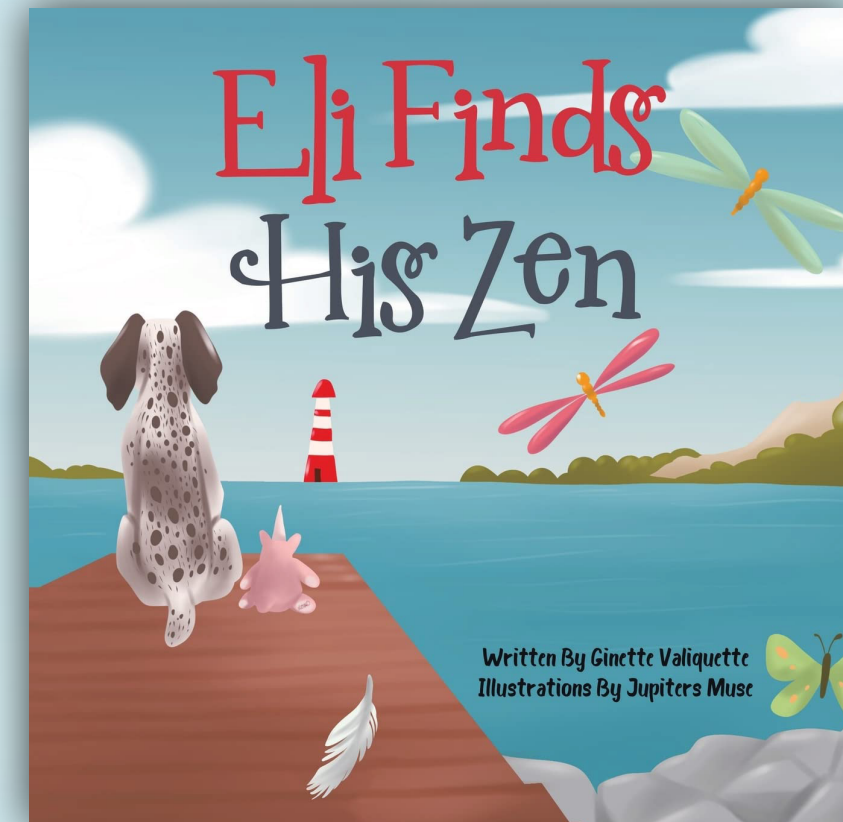
This is my very first book! I've always wanted to write a children's book. I knew that the idea would come to me one day. When I would read bedtime stories to my children, I thought that I could do this!

**Q: Tell us something more about your books?**

My book is about accepting yourself for who you truly are. It emphasizes the importance of our breath and being true to yourself, even if it means not being what you are supposed to be.

Eli isn't your typical German Shorthaired Pointer. He discovers early on that he doesn't enjoy the usual Pointer activities. Joining in his mom's yoga classes, Eli learns to stay present and grounded through his breath, to honour his true self, and he learns to let his light shine brightly. Join us as Eli shares what he has learned about finding his Zen while being mindful on his red yoga mat.

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

I thought that sharing the message of acceptance, self-love and finding ways to reduce stress and anxiety would be a wonderful message from Eli's point of view.

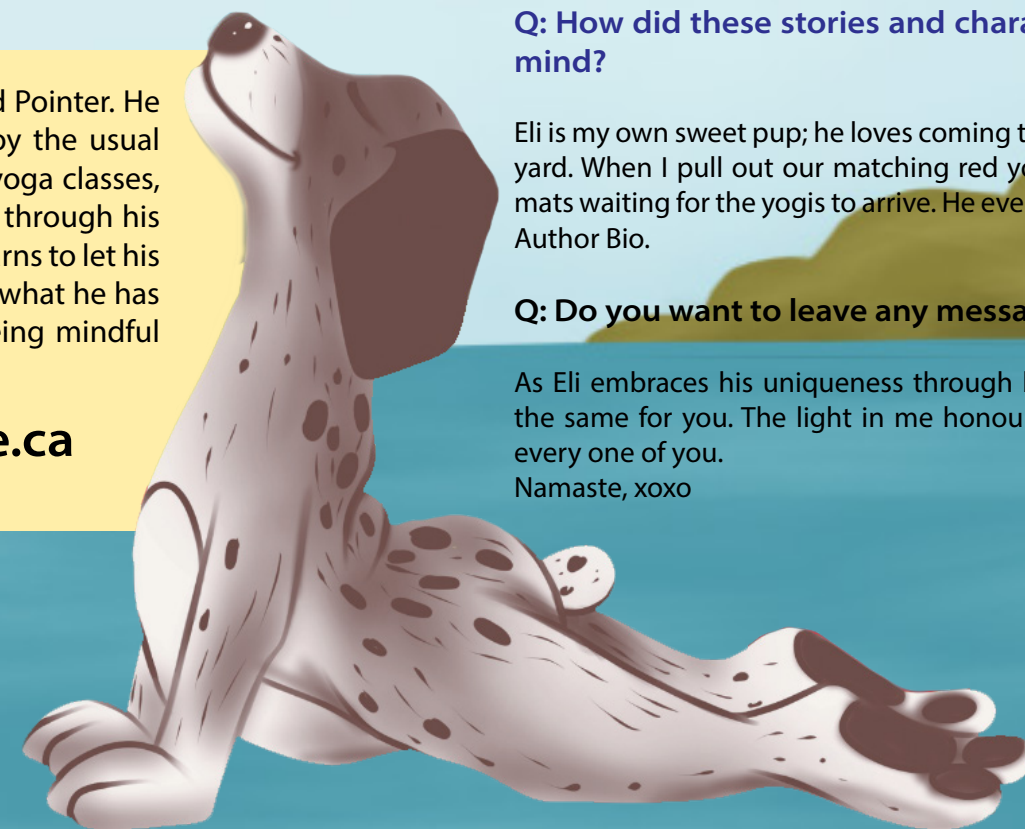
**Q: How did these stories and characters come to your mind?**

Eli is my own sweet pup; he loves coming to my yoga classes in our yard. When I pull out our matching red yoga mats, he sits by the mats waiting for the yogis to arrive. He even has his own part in the Author Bio.

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

As Eli embraces his uniqueness through breath and yoga, I wish the same for you. The light in me honours the light in each and every one of you. Namaste, xoxo

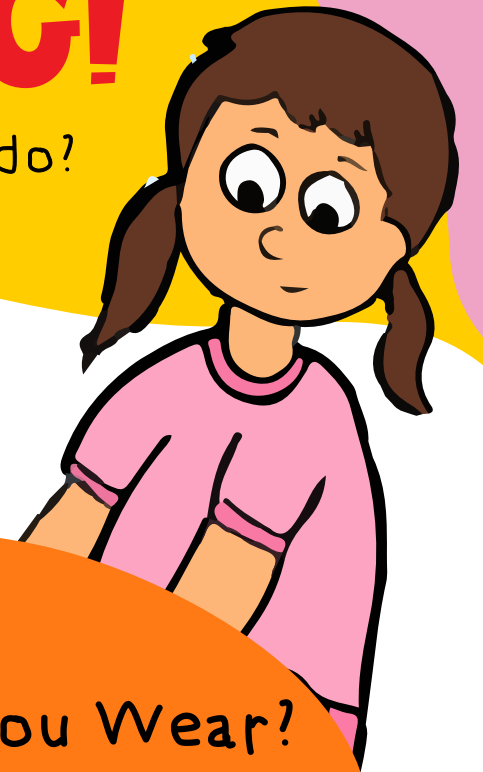
# Ginette Valiquette





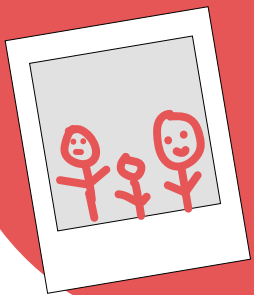
# YOUR VERY OWN THANKSGIVING!

If you had to organized a Thanksgiving Dinner in your own style, What would you do?  
Fill out the chart below.



What you are Thankful for?

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What's On the Menu of Thanksgiving Dinner

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What will you Wear?

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How will you decorate?

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Whom will you Invite?

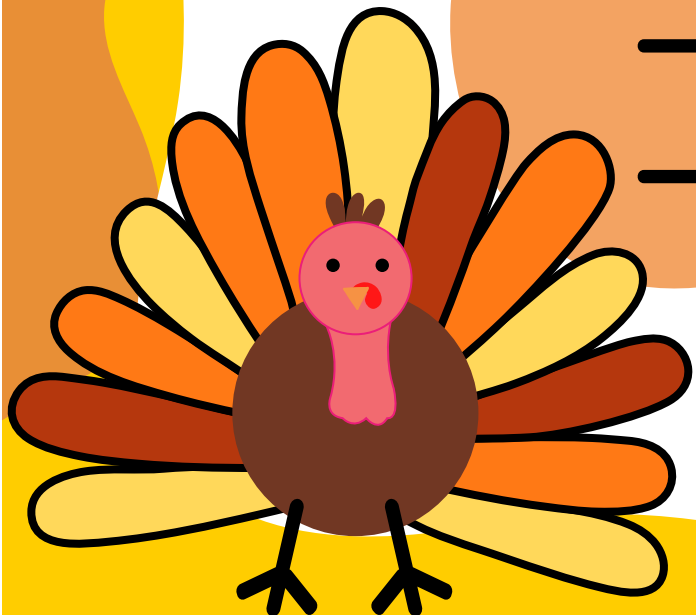
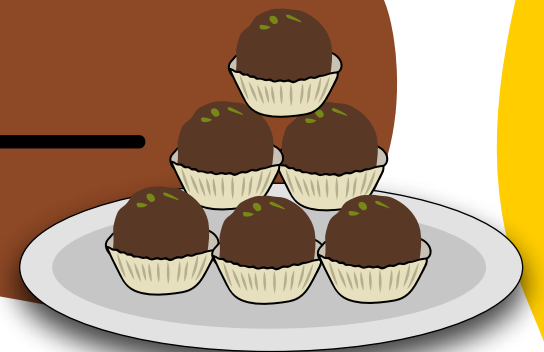
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What's in the Dessert?

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# THE ADVENTURES OF VYLETTE BUNNY AND FRIENDS by MICHELLE CRICHTON



## Q: Tell us something about yourself?

I was born and raised in Ottawa, Canada and my parents are from the Caribbean. I studied General Arts and Teaching at The University of Ottawa, and I hold Bachelor's degrees in both areas. My hobbies include writing, reading, learning about topics that interest me, watching some tv shows and movies, listening to music, travelling, and spending time outdoors.

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

My journey as a writer started as a young poet in school! I began writing little poems in the third grade and continued throughout adolescence. I published my first poem at age 17 titled "Always Be Who You Are" which was featured in the National Anthology of Poetry for North America. I also created poems which were displayed on the back of our high school yearbook and recited in our school talent shows. I was a creative and introspective child, so writing gave me the opportunity to observe what was happening around me, reflect on my innermost thoughts, and voice them in a way that could help to inspire others.

## Q: Tell us something about your books?

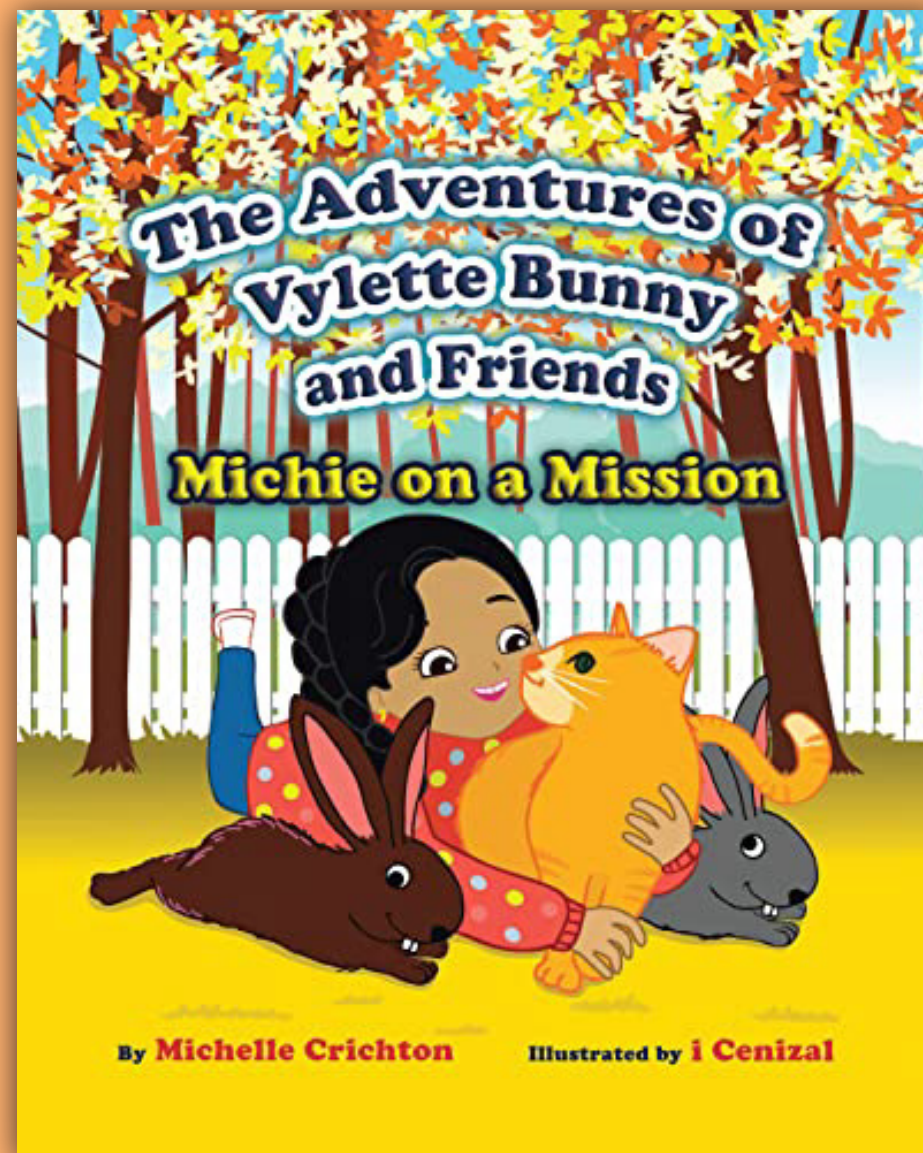
There are now two exciting books in the 'Michie and Vyllette Bunny' series! The Adventures of Vyllette Bunny and Michie: Love at First Bite followed by The Adventures of Vyllette Bunny and Friends: Michie on a Mission. The series was designed to instruct children about the importance of proper pet care, problem-solving, adaptability, friendship and having unconditional love for your pets. I know that like 12-year-old Michie, many kids dream of having a pet. It can be a rewarding experience, but it requires patience and dedication to responsibility as well. Vyllette is a sweet bunny, but she can be a bit mischievous with her nibbling. The second book follows Michie who befriends a neighbourhood stray tabby cat called "Tuffy." Along with the help of her family, she takes on the mission "Operation Help Tuffy" to find him a home. Vyllette and her brother Chocolat are reunited and living under a caring roof with Michie. How will the bunnies feel about their caregiver's mission to help Tuffy? Although it was important to have giggle moments in the stories, it was also valuable to include positive messages and morals which could foster valuable discussions with little ones. Many happy readings to you!

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

I chose kids as my readers because I am a highly creative and curious adult and from my previous experiences of teaching in a classroom, I understand how curious and creative many children can be as well! As an author, it becomes easy to reach them with these stories featuring humour, originality, imagination, and important lessons. It was also important for me to contribute to the development of building literacy for early readers! I know that not every child enjoys picking up a book and reading but so many enjoy having books read to them. This was a wonderful way for me to use my creativity to promote literacy and critical thinking skills.

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

As an author, I must imagine what the characters on the pages are thinking and how they are feeling about the situations. It is important for me to think about what is happening around them to better process how they feel and what they do. When we meet people in real life, always remember that everybody has a story, and nobody is perfect! If we can observe what is happening around another person, we might be able to understand them better and maybe even help them in some way. No matter what you look like, where you are from, or what others say, anybody can help make a difference! (Even in the smallest way).



# Michie on a Mission

The Adventures of Vyllette Bunny and Friends: Michie on a Mission is the second book in the "The Adventures of Vyllette and Michie" series. Caring Michie encounters a friendly but independent neighbourhood tabby called "Tuffy". As her curiosity takes over, she encourages her family to help her find him a "fur-ever" home. Another exciting adventure begins where she uses her natural creativity, clever problem-solving skills, and intuitive awareness to help Tuffy.

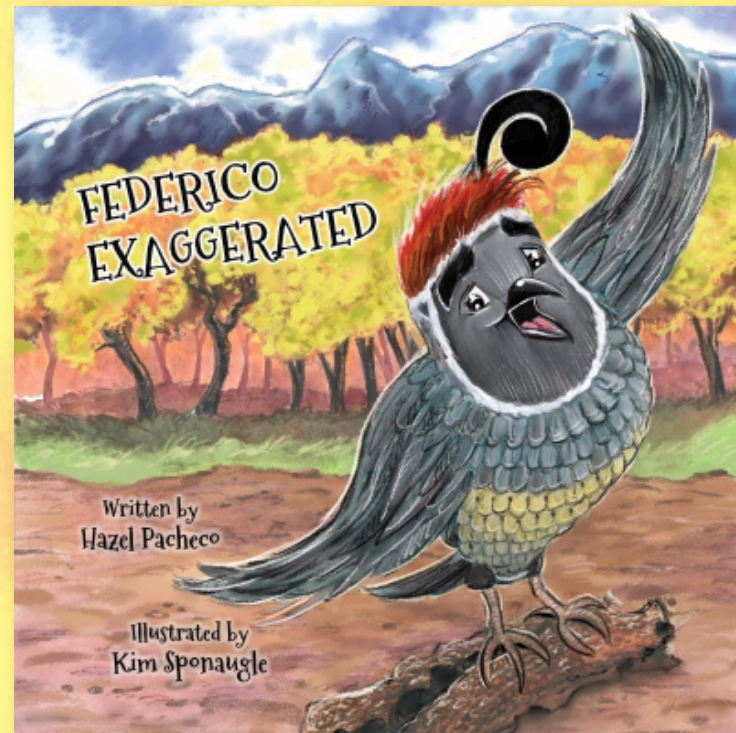
How will playfully mischievous Vyllette and Chocolat feel about a new pet coming around? While Michie uses her abilities to focus on mission "Operation Help Tuffy" the sibling bunnies work as team to construct a plot of their own. Nothing means more to the bunnies than their relationship with caregiver Michie and being reconnected in a compassionate home. What humorous mischief will they create to maintain their household?





# Federico Exaggerated

After retiring with twenty-seven years of federal service, Hazel Pacheco finally found time to write children's books. In the last two years, she has published three books. Her first was a chapter book, and the second and third are part of a picture book series. She is currently hard at work completing the remaining two books in that series. She lives in New Mexico with her husband of twenty-nine years. She has two daughters, one son-in-law, and one grandpuppy.



**Hazel Pacheco**

## FEDERICO EXAGGERATED

Federico Exaggerated is Hazel Pacheco's second picture book in the Henry and Friends series.

Somewhere in the bosque, in the open spaces near the Rio Grande, lives a covey of quail...

The flamboyant Federico loves the spotlight, and frequently regales the covey with his exaggerated tales of daring. In this episode, Federico captures the attention of his audience with an inflated story of his bravery on the Rio Grande. Without warning, he is interrupted by the announcement of ripe hackberries. Left without an audience, Federico stomps off and accidentally stumbles onto something that might recapture his friends' attention—well maybe. What he finds might teach him that truth can be incredible on its own. He just needs to convince his friends he's not exaggerating.

Beautifully illustrated with Kim Sponaugle's vibrant watercolors, Federico Exaggerated presents an educational, yet humorous tale that delivers a subtle faith inspired message that encourages accepting imperfection in each other.

This read-aloud book is sure to capture the attention of children ages 4+ and might even capture the notice of some adult kids as well. Federico Exaggerated can be enjoyed by bird lovers and those especially interested in learning about the New Mexico Rio Grande bosque.

# LOL

**THE TURKEY DINNER**  
WAS SO EXPENSIVE  
IT HAD 24  
CARROTS

WE DIDN'T COOK A  
**TURKEY**  
BECAUSE WE  
DIDN'T HAVE  
**THYME**

**Who Was the Drummer** in the Thanksgiving Band?  
**The Turkey,** because he had the **Drumsticks!**

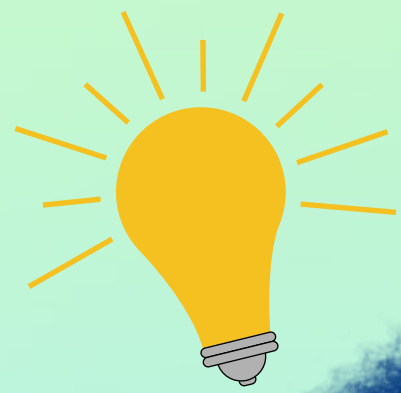
WE WILL WORRY ABOUT CHRISTMAS TREE LATER.  
**TODAY IT'S ALL POUL-TREE**

What's the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner?

**THE TURKEY**

**WHO IS NEVER HUNGRY ON THANKSGIVING?**  
**THE TURKEY BECAUSE HE'S ALREADY STUFFED!**





**THINK!**

**WHY? Answer?**

Why Is The Night Dark?



Why Isn't Pluto A Planet?

**BRAIN-G**

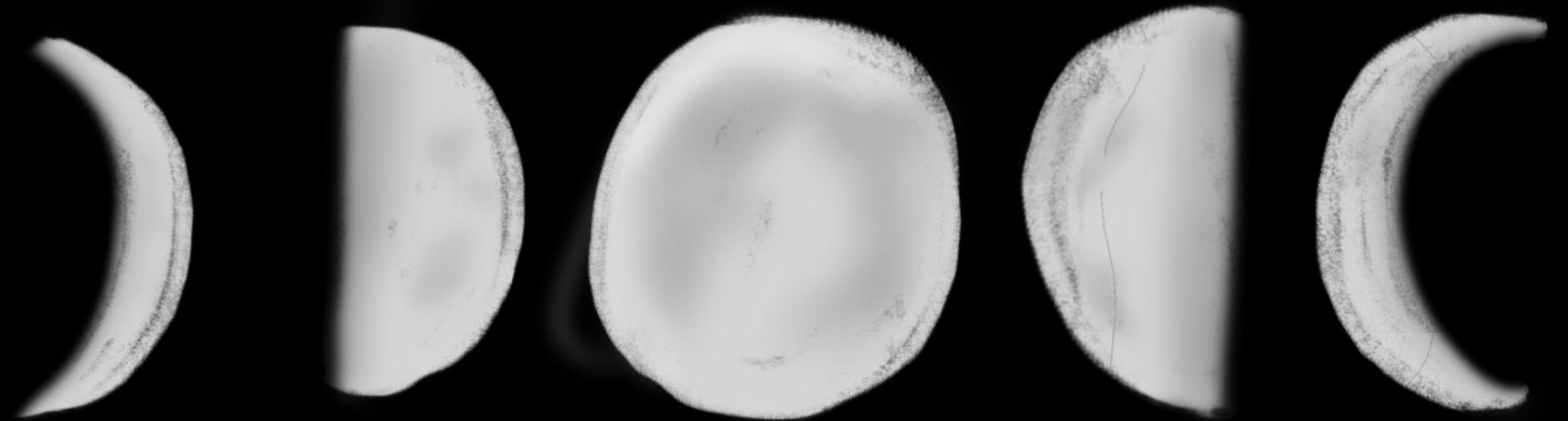


How Astronauts go to toilet?



What's the  
Saturn Ring Made Of?

Why Does The Moon Change Shape?





# DIANE CURLEY

# Asleep at Last

**Q: First tell us something about yourself?**

I work as a Registered Nurse at New York University Health Care (NYUHC) and I created Celebrating Women LLC, a global platform amplifying women's voices and visibility; hosting events, speaking internationally, writing, editing, and publishing a unifying collection of interviews about women. I also volunteer on an international disaster assistance response team, meeting critical needs of victims of war, poverty, famine, disease and natural disaster. I live on Long Island in New York with my husband, Greg. I'm a mom and a nana!

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

In 2018, inspired by another writer, I began writing blogs and sharing them on social media.

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

I created a planner/journal in 2021 (Celebrating Women Planner & Journal) and my first children's story was just published in 2022!

**Q: Tell us something more about your books?**

When my children were growing up in addition to reading books to them I created a story about how others play and sleep.

Working my way through the alphabet I described different playtime activities of others and then also a time for rest. It helped transition from play time to bedtime and alleviated "bedtime battles!"

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

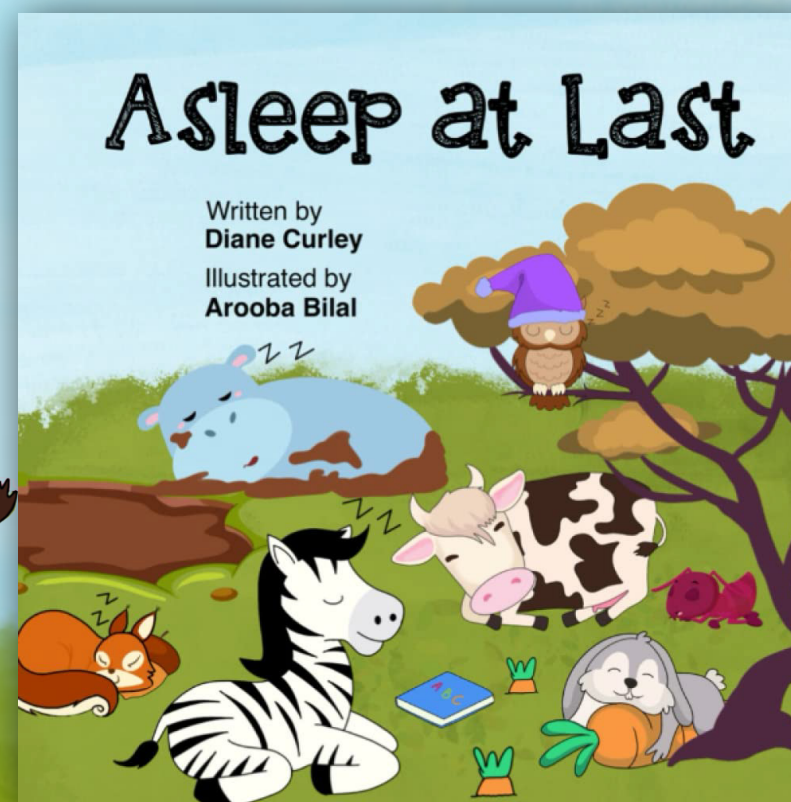
I thought that my children enjoyed the story so much, maybe other children would too. And I'd like to encourage family reading.

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

I was thinking of how difficult it was for my children to fall asleep, despite a bedtime routine (including reading together) and the story helped. The characters changed some nights, but the story itself essentially stayed the same. Sharing how others play and take time to rest was a fun way to explain to my children that there's a time for rest for the whole world and now it's their turn to rest!

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

Keep reading everyday! And....go to bed!



Based on a story the author told her own children to promote rest, naps and especially bedtime, you are invited to join this joyful adventure through the alphabet with your child, and together you will giggle and learn all about how insects, sea life, birds, and animals play and also the silly ways they fall asleep!



# Molly Morningstar A Doll for Me

Molly Morningstar is a problem-solving, spunky little girl with a problem.

She needs a doll for an important party, and she can't find one that looks like her!

What does she do after searching EVERYWHERE, only to find that doll after doll, they ALL look the same??

Determined to not settle, Molly finds the solution to this big problem herself!

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## ANDREA COKE

Andrea Coke wears many hats, can you relate? A wife, mother of four, teacher, speech-language pathologist, book reviewer, and now, author.

Creating engaging children's stories that embrace well-being, diversity, and inclusion is where Andrea's heart lies. After a childhood of inserting herself into other people's experiences, she is thrilled to bring to life books for kids that reflect their own experiences.

Andrea holds a Master of Health Science from the University of Toronto in Speech-Language Pathology, a Bachelor of Education from York University and a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics from York University, in Canada. All this to say: Andrea knows about communication.

Originally from the twin islands of Trinidad and Tobago, Andrea currently lives in Canada with her family. She is the author of the best-selling picture book series, Molly Morningstar.

# DO YOU KNOW?

The most popular item for kids to snag on Halloween night is **Reese's Peanut Butter Cups**.



200 million **Skittles** are produced each day.



Germans consume twice as much candy as Americans.



The first chocolate bar was made in 1847 by Joseph Fry in England.



**65%**

of American candy bars were introduced more than 50 years ago.



Two men from Nashville, John C. Wharton and William Morris, patented the first modern cotton candy machine in 1897.



Candy is simply made by dissolving sugar in water. The different heating levels determine the types of candy: Hot temperatures make hard candy, medium heat will make soft candy and cool temperatures make chewy candy.



# PLAY DATE WITH FRIENDS

Activity

**BEN** is wearing red shirt.

**SIMONA** is wearing a white top.

**AMELIA** is wearing blue top.

**ASHLEY** is wearing pink outfit.

**DAISY** is wearing red outfit.

• Can you find Ben, Simona, Amelia, Ashley and Daisy in this big picture? and what they are doing?



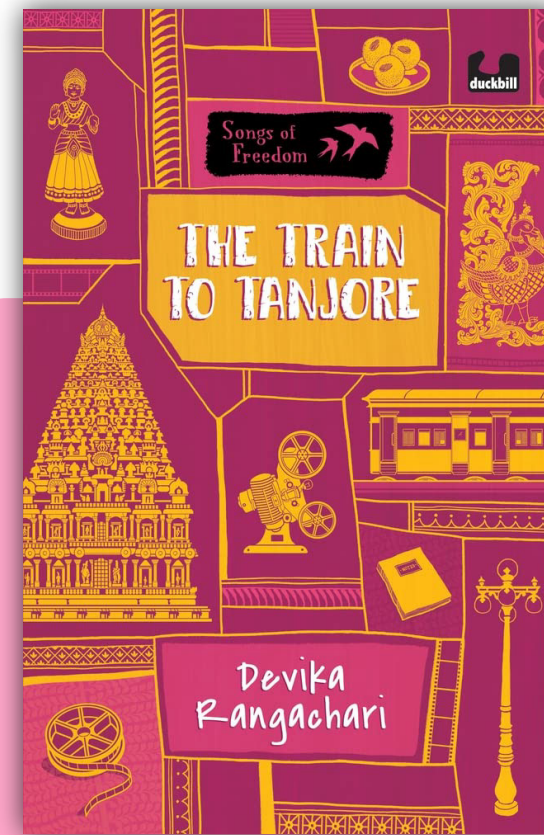
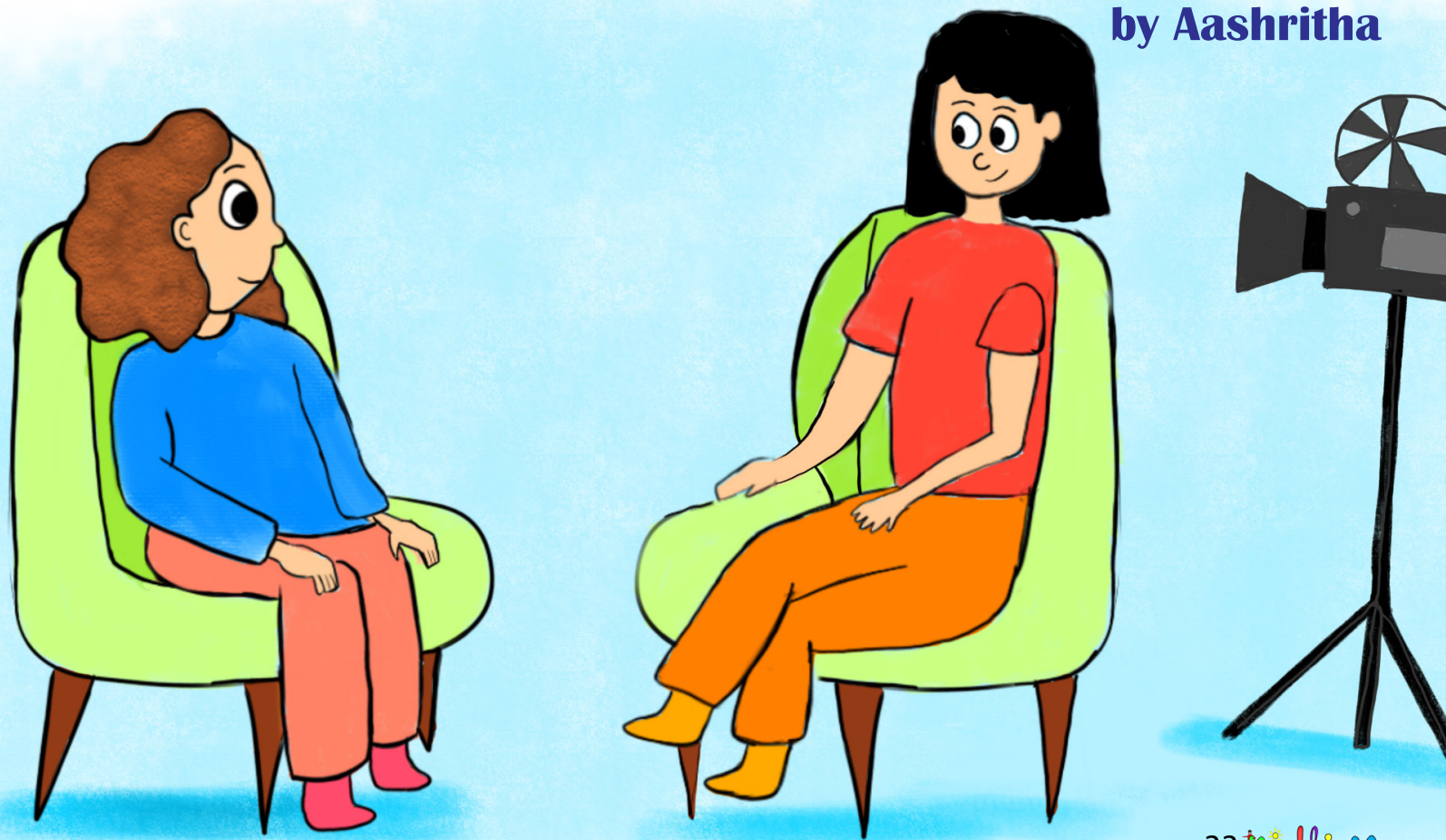


# A Saturday Morning Surprise

I woke up to the sound of heavy **KNOCKING** on my door, punctuated by the occasional flash of light. Groaning, I got out of bed and lazily trudged to the door. Who wakes up at 5 :30 on a Saturday? As I opened the door, a **NEWS ANCHOR** immediately started bombarding me with questions, while a camera man clicked pictures. The anchor asked me, "How does it feel to be the youngest **INTERNATIONALLY** published author in the world!" . Bewildered, I shut the door. Slowly, the anchor's words started to sink in. See, I had entered a writing contest where the winner gets a publishing contract and a chance to be on a talk show , and apparently, I'd won! I quickly freshened up and went outside where a **Helicopter** took me to the set of Wake Up Bangalore! There, some women came and rushed me off to get ready. Then, I was asked to sit down on a couch

next to the **famous** anchor, author and talk show host, Diane Ischyros! She asked me a lot of questions about my writing while being recorded. I had thought I was going to enjoy it ,but the fancy blue dress I was wearing and the makeup cake onto my face were just not.....me. So, in the ad break, I excused myself and told Diane I changed my mind about being on TV. She was super upset, but I was firm in my decision. I did, however, accept the publishing contract and now, 3 years later, I've published 2 bestselling novels.

by Aashritha



Name: The Train to Tanjore

Author: Devika Rangachari

Publisher: Penguin India

Description: There are few excitements in Thambi's quiet life. There is the new hotel, disapproved of by elders, which lures him with the aroma of sambar with onions. There are visits to the library to read the newspaper, and once in a while, a new movie at the Rajaram Electric Theatre. More disagreeably, there are fortnightly visits from his uncle to lay down the law.

When Gandhiji announces the Quit India movement, Tanjore is torn apart by protests. The train station-the lifeline of the town-is vandalized. Mysterious leaflets are circulated, containing news that newspapers do not publish. And inspired by the idea of a free India and his own dreams of being an engineer, Thambi must find the courage to do what he believes is right-even when it endangers all he holds dear.

## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Name: I Want a Pet

Publisher: Penguin India

Author: Arundhati Venkatesh

Description: Jasbir has always wanted a pet, not a sibling. Then one day, a buffalo walks into his life and does not want to leave

It's not a book, it's a hook!



Name: Inni & Bobo: Go to the Park

Author: Soha Ali Khan, Kunal Kemmu

Publisher: Penguin India

Description: Little Inni adopts the scruffy-looking Indie puppy Bobo, and finally, he is home! But Bobo is still scared of everything-even the running water. Now it is all up to Inni, his new best friend, to help him learn and adapt to the ways of his new life. And what better way to do it than to head to out to the park on Sunday the Funday! After all, it's the best place to explore new things and even meet new people.

Endearing and narrated with a lot of heart, the Inni and Bobo Series, is not only about a little child finding friendship but also about the beauty of adopting dogs. It's about learning empathy and imperative life lessons, and most importantly about opening one's heart and homes-which is what life is all about.



# A Storm

The trees feel more alive,  
And the wind turns to a gale,  
The dark grey clouds have covered  
The sky that once was pale.

The wind gets more faster,  
And we know a storm is coming.  
The majestic thunder crackles,  
And the rain starts showering.

The storm gets stronger,  
But there is nothing that's evil about these harsh winds.  
It trains how reality is really like,  
To our callow minds within.

The clouds will go after  
The ones who are left, somewhere.  
The more we experience,  
We get more stronger and better.

The pale, normal sky will come again,  
After this weird storm of half grey and half yellow.  
Till then, we can enjoy and experience the thrilling wind and thunder,  
From our balcony or windows

-Krishti Khandelwal

# I'm so Grateful

Name:

Date:

**WHO I'M MOST THANKFUL FOR:**

**WHAT I'M MOST GRATEFUL FOR:**

**WHY I'M MOST THANKFUL:**



# How Should I Choose A Future Career?

Your professional journey is what makes up your career. Many people start a profession because it can help them accomplish their objectives, like learning more and getting more experience, taking on greater responsibility, or getting paid more. How to choose a career: 7 ways to consider your alternatives. Since the average individual works for about one-third of their life, it is understandable that many people wish to discover a profession that will be a good fit for them. Choosing a career initially entails gathering as much knowledge as you can about the bigger work environment, your ambitions, and yourself.

## 1. LOOK IN THE MIRROR.

It can be useful to use your interests and values as markers of how you would like to spend your free time at work. Finding and pursuing your passion is not the topic at hand because it might be deceptive and unclear. However, it's typical to desire to be inspired and even enthusiastic about what you do. Examine the following inquiries about your traits, values, and interests and consider how you would respond:

### QUERY-BASED ON INTEREST:

What are your favorite subjects to research?  
What do you like to do for fun?  
Do you prefer doing physical work or mental work?  
Do you like to work inside or outside?

### VALUE-DRIVEN QUERIES:

What is the most crucial thing in your life?  
What is important to you in life?  
Where do you search for meaning?  
What kind of change are you interested in seeing?

### TRAIT-BASED INQUIRIES:

What does accomplishment mean to you?  
Which do you want to see more of?  
Which one of your talents do you love using the most?  
Which one of your talents do you most value?



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## 2. CONSIDER YOUR MOTIVES.

Make a list of your own characteristics after which you can discuss why you want to work. Maybe you're looking for a career that will pay more than comparable occupations at the entry level or one that offers more freedom so you can work from anywhere. Knowing your priorities is essential because most occupations won't offer all you desire. A sample list of priorities is provided below. Consider the items you would put on your list and the order in which you would set your priority.

Benefits of Salary  
Autonomy  
Work-life balance  
Flexibility  
Advancement in one's career

## 3. REFLECT UPON YOUR LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES.

How would your ideal existence be structured? To better grasp what it might take to achieve them, make a list of your long-term objectives, both personally and professionally. For instance: Do you desire to ascend above the managerial echelons and become the company's C-suite? Do you desire to be a home owner? Do you desire the ability to travel, and how frequently? You can approach a job search more precisely by using the list you've created. For instance, if you want to continue working in the same field in ten years, find out which fields are expected to develop over the following ten years and which fields you should possibly avoid due to rising automation or other factors.

## 4. PERFORM A VARIETY OF SELF-EVALUATION QUIZZES.

There are several tests you can take to determine your personality, your strengths, and even what kind of job you could be good at. Tests, however, can be extremely categorical, which means they frequently force you into a category. Use them to continue understanding yourself and your underlying reasons instead of depending on them to provide a conclusive response. If they provide insightful responses, include that information into the overall picture you are assembling.

**-Marjona Jurakulova Sadriddinovna**

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# Pune Memory Championship Battle of The Brains



Pune is known as "Oxford of the East"... an Educational Hub. Through the Pune Memory Championship we are on a mission of Creating "Menthaletes" (Mental Athletes). Brain Universe along with Parkids is organizing "The First Ever Brain and Memory Championship" for Pune's Smart kids on 2nd October 2022 at Parakh House, Bund Garden. It is a City-level championship, to give young minds a competitive edge and train and prepare them for the future.

Mental Sports and Mind Sports are a unique form of games that celebrate the fittest brains on earth, by testing the intellectual ability. Mind Sports are some of the most elite and prestigious sports being practiced around the world today, nationally and internationally.

World Memory Championship is an organized annual Competition of Mental and Memory Sports in which Competitors around the world memorize as much information as possible within a given period of time.

The Indian National Memory Championship takes place in Indian and this National Level

Competition, Memory Athletes; from all over India can participate.

Memory Championship which takes place on National and International platform is for the older age group. There is nothing for the younger age group. We all know that the brain development rapidly happens in the early ages.

Being Into the field of Brain and Memory and Early Childhood Development, We (Brain Universe and parkids) wanted to create a platform for young minds to showcase their Brain and Memory Power.

In the Pune Memory Championship, young children will demonstrate their Intellectual power and set new heights of what the human Memory can truly achieve.

This Championship will Lay a strong Foundation and prepare children for National and International Memory Championships.

Benefits of the Championship

Exposure at an early age

Competitive Spirit

Active Participation

Learning Enthusiasm

Confidence building.





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