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Editor's Note

Hello Readers,

January is my favorite month as it's my birth-day month, the coldest month of the year, and the beginning of the New year.

New Year is a new beginning....

It is the perfect time to look back and learn from past experiences and make resolutions for the new year. It is an opportunity to try new things, make changes in our life, start on a new path, and say goodbye to bad habits and problems. I really hope that 2023 will be kinder and healthier for all of you.

In this edition, we have fun and exciting games like Good manners Jar, My year review 2022, Positive affirmations, and a lot 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.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy 2023!

Happy Reading!

Dhruvin Dharmendra

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Dharmendra**



WHY IS THIS MY NAME?

WHY IS THIS MY NAME?
NOT JUST A CHILDREN'S STORY



written and illustrated by Aloysia Burgess

"Why Is This My Name? Not Just A Children's Story is about a young girl who struggles with her unique name, and how people receive or pronounce it. Her parents explain the meaning of her name and she eventually finds the strength to embrace it.

The purpose of the book is to encourage self-love and create conversation between families and friends around the origin of their names. For example, first or middle names may be passed down or just something unique parent/parents took interest in and the last name could be a perfect way to discuss ancestry and legacy.

Age recommendation 5 and up

available at
amazon

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

-I love writing and reading, but I love my family more.. family is very important to me.

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

Around 9, 10 years old, I used to write stories and submit them to Reading Rainbow a old TV program that encouraged kids to read and write.

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

I started my first book "Why Is This My Name?" In 2020 during the pandemic, it was published in May 2022. You can find it on Barnes and Noble.com and Amazon.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

I'm inspired by children authors, like Jory John, where books teach a lesson to the reader. I write books that a center by emotion and real life experiences.

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

Kids are amazing, they soak up everything like a sponge and teaching them manage their emotions (happy,sad,nervous etc.) from a young age is important. It's important for kids to feel like they matter no matter what they feel or what they are going through and to feel supported in everyway.

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

Life experiences, we were all kids once. Kids go through alot family, school... It shapes who they will become as adults... For me I write stories for kids to be a source of validation and encouragement.

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

Love you always! There's only one of you remember that! I write books for grownups too, check out website ww-
w.byaloysiab.com



ALOYSIA BURGESS

2022

What A Year!

My Year In Review

Name: _____

Class: _____

Age: _____

All About Me!

Favorite Book: _____

Favorite Food: _____

Favorite Color: _____

Favorite Song: _____

My Funniest
Memory

Next Year
I Want To:

Here Is What I Will Remember:

School: _____

My Family _____

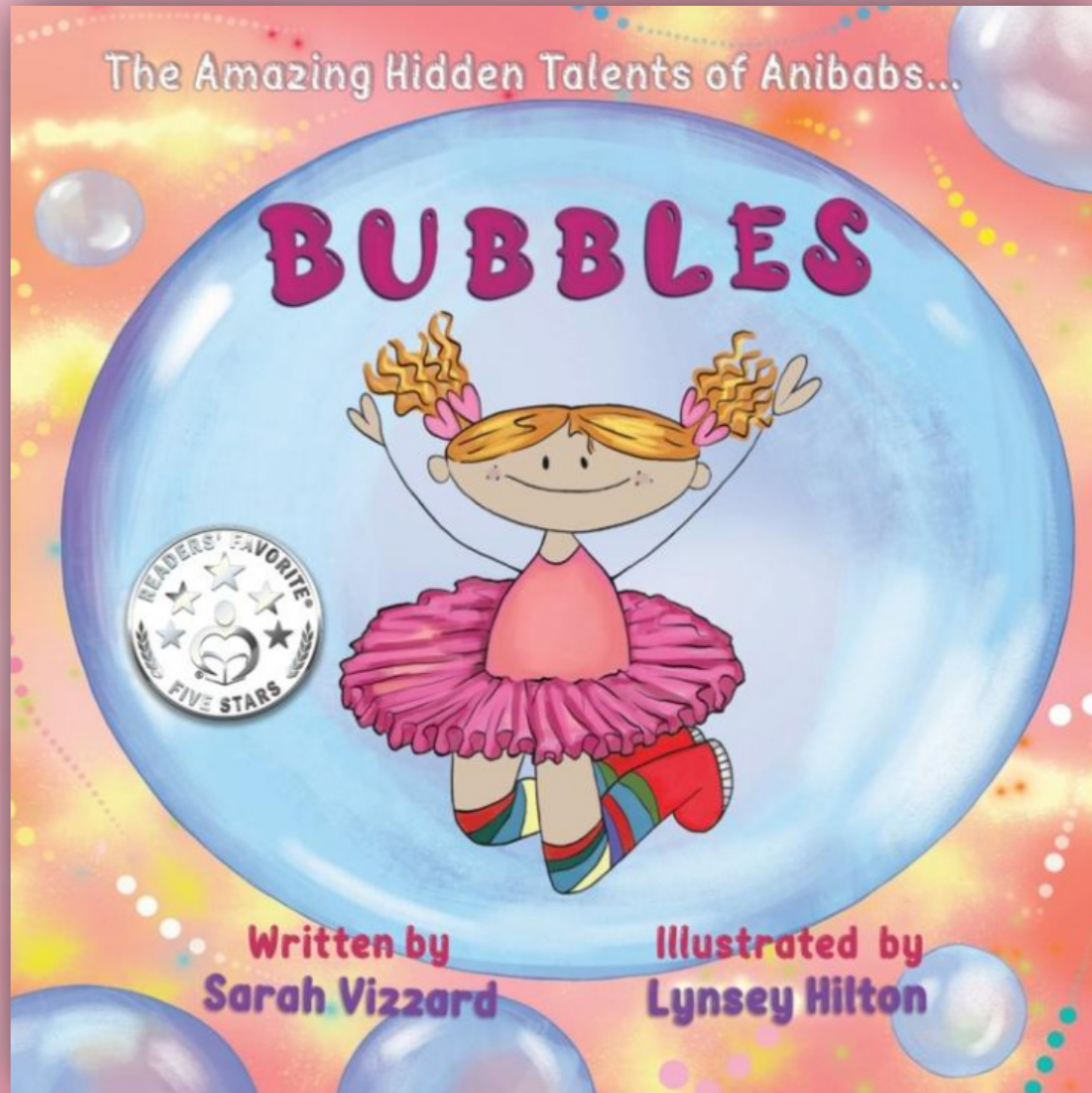
My Friends _____

I Spent A Lot Time Doing This: _____

I Learned: _____

BUBBLES

Sarah Vizzard



Heeey Dandelion is a colorfully illustrated children's book that gently addresses childhood self-esteem, honesty, and family-belonging.

In the story, young Ana struggles with who is and her place in her family after being adopted. Her adoptive mother shares with her the attributes and life cycle of a dandelion. Though beautiful as a flower, it is often considered a weed because it blooms in unwanted or unexpected places. Though often unappreciated, Ana's mother details just how unique and valuable the dandelion truly is to the environment; and further explains that the dandelion doesn't need perfect conditions to grow...but rather, just a crack of possibility for its roots to be established. From there, the dandelion has everything it needs to be successful. Similarly, that is what Ana's family desires for her.

available at
amazon

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I am a very happy mum of 3 amazing children and have been teaching in primary schools for over 20 years. I enjoy spending time with my family, baking and I love to read, I will read absolutely anything and everything! Most of all, I love to laugh and be silly and just try to have fun!

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

My journey as a writer began after the birth of my second child. He was a very anxious toddler and lacked confidence in so many aspects of childhood. My third child came along and she also doubted herself and her abilities. Their lack of belief in themselves was soul destroying as they constantly felt that they were not 'good enough' or 'I can't do that like such a person can.' Despite reassuring them that they were great as they were (and they were and still are!) the only way that I could really get this message home to them was through telling stories and so "The Amazing Hidden Talents of Anibabs" was created!

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

The first book of the series 'Bubbles' was told to my children a quite a few years ago but only this year did I write the story and publish it.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

The stories in the series are about a little girl called Anibabs. This name is my daughter's first two names put together! In each story she discovers that she has an amazing hidden talent. In this first book her talent is that of blowing bubbles. Not just normal bubbles but ones from her ears and nose in all sorts of sizes, shapes and of fruits, animals and vehicles too! It is a funny, imaginative story that has many messages. The idea is to help children understand that we are all different, we are all unique and we are all amazing. No-one can do what Anibabs can do and that's ok! We all have our own strengths, and we can all adopt an "I can" attitude if we try.

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

As a teacher and then a parent, I knew that a child's imagination is quite magical and key to their development. These stories capture the imagination of children and are fun but with a deeper meaning to try and help children to understand that they too are amazing! If these stories can help just one child to feel better about themselves, like it did with my own, then all the hard work is worth it!



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

'Bubbles' was just one of the talents that came to mind after actually blowing bubbles with my children. The talents had to be something unique. This way, my children could understand that it's ok not to be able to do something that someone else can do! So, while we couldn't blow bubbles of dogs and cows or of squares and trains, like Anibabs, we COULD blow bubbles and this led on to talk about all the other amazing things they could do!

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

For adults...

The messages that come from these stories can be quite powerful for our little ones. There is so much competition and feelings of needing to be the best that it is easy to forget to praise the little things they do and remind them of how great they are. If you enjoyed 'Bubbles' then please keep an eye out for the next story in the series which will be released early 2023!

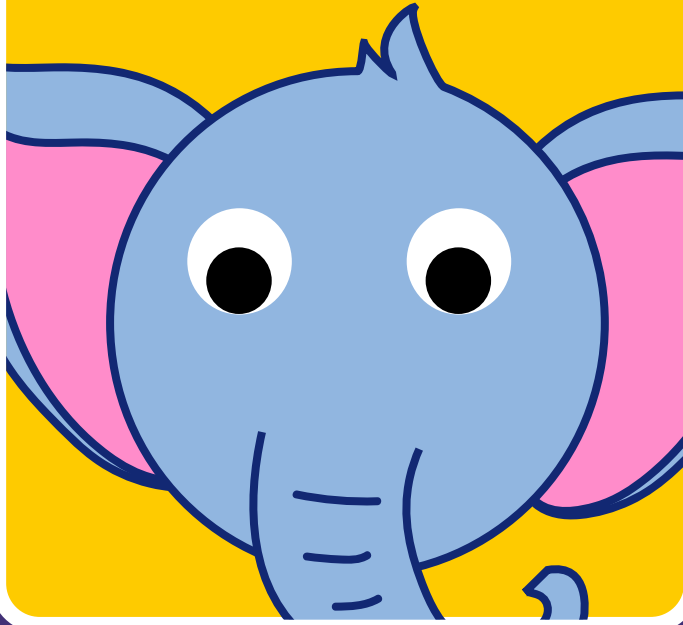
For more ways to help your child please follow my fun daily posts on Instagram [anibabs_bysarahviz](#) and on Twitter [@anibabs_books](#)

For children...

Have fun, be kind, be positive, be you! You are amazing!

Positive Affirmations

I Am Strong



I Am Fearless



I Am Smart



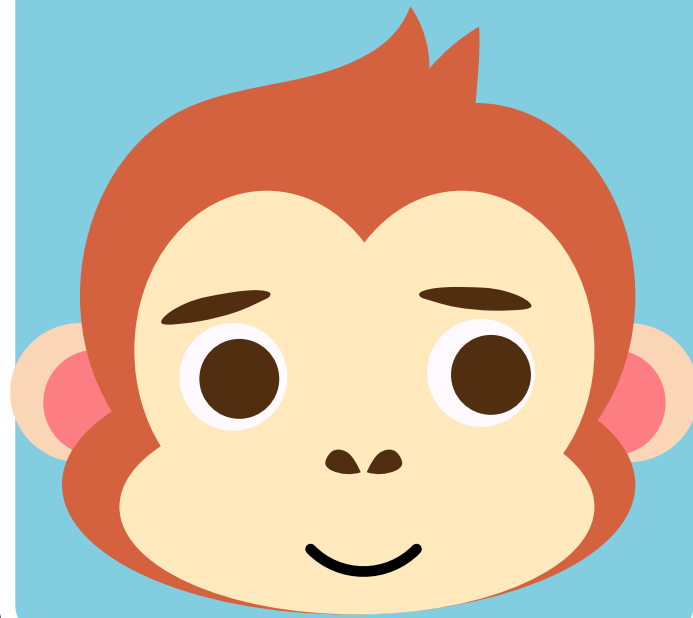
I Am Kind



I Am Happy



I Am Creative



I Am Amazing



I Am Confident



Heeeyy Dandelion!

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

My name is Dawn Charleston-Green, Founder and CEO of Dawn of a New Day 365, LLC. DND365 is a movement for women journeying through everyday life - the good, bad, ugly, and unexpected; overcoming with TRUTH and TRANSPARENCY in a way that leads to TRANSFORMATION. Through my blog articles, videos, and panel discussions, I provide content and conversations around the concerns that matter most to women, our families, and communities.

My goal is to give voice to those things that women and families have been forced to deal with in secrecy, shame, and silence. By sharing my own stories, as well as the testimonies of others, I seek to normalize life experiences like marriage, parenting, grief, infertility, and career struggles by helping women understand that they are not alone. The hope of DND365 is to provide a safe space for women to hear and have needed conversations.

I am also the author of the 5-Day Morning COFFEE Devotional and the children's book, Heeeyy Dandelion.

Apart from being an entrepreneur and a writer/author, I'm also a wife, mother, consultant, and speaker.

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

I've been writing since I was a child. Having been an only child for 15 years (prior to the arrival of my younger brother), I found fulfillment in creativity and imagination, and in absorbing everything around me. Aside from just being in the moment, writing was a big part of me processing my world, my unique experiences, and my interpretation of those experiences.

Additionally, I contribute a large part of my journey to writing to my late grandmother who nurtured the writer in me. She was constantly encouraging my cousins and I to not wait for moments to happen, but to create them instead. So the three of us, (I, now in my late 40s, and them in their mid-50s) have been creating our entire lives.

Though born in Natchez Mississippi in 1915 (a very desolate time), surprisingly, my grandmother was always one with words and poetry. She helped all of us to see our spaces so colorfully, and to not allow what we didn't see to keep us from dreaming of what could be.

With all that said, I often wrote down what I saw. I planned the details for what could be. And most of my life, I've just been fulfilling the vision; writing the rest of the story as I go along.

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

I probably wrote my first story in the latter part of elementary school. I definitely wrote some stories in high school. None of them are published, but I can remember some details of a few. Back then, I mostly wrote or thought of fictional stories...fantasy. Today, I prefer reality and stories that show experiences, growth, maturity, and evolution.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

Currently, I've published two books, along with companions to them. The first, the 5-Day Morning C.O.F.F.E.E. Devotion was published in 2021. This devotion was written to help Christian women develop or deepen their faith journey; providing both a method and message for committing time in devotion with intentionality. To assist with the process, I also created a prayer journal for reflections and goals.

My second published work is one that I've been reeling off of since the spring of this year, entitled HEEYY DANDELION!

HEEYY DANDELION is a story of an 8-year-old girl, Ana, who struggles with self-esteem and honesty; primarily due to her struggle with understanding being adopted. Ana's adoptive mother explains the life cycle and attributes of a dandelion; explaining to Ana that though beautiful as a flower, the dandelion is often considered a weed because many don't understand its value. However, her mother further explains that though the dandelion may appear in unwanted or unexpected places, it doesn't need perfect conditions to grow; but rather, just a crack of possibility.

Through her depiction of the dandelion, Ana's mother helps her to understand that she is exactly where she needs to be and has everything within her to grow into something beautiful.

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

I'm split. I write to women, children, and families. In actuality, however, Heeeyy Dandelion accidentally morphed into a children's book. It was originally a blog that I wrote to my women's platform, entitled Bloom Wherever You Grow, Dandelion.

In the article I shared and compared the attributes of the dandelions to similarities of women with impeccable inner strength and resilience; despite at times feeling unseen or unappreciated.

Coincidentally, soon after I released the article, I found myself in a difficult conversation with my adopted daughter; a conversation in which she was questioning how and whether she fit into our family. In that moment, and several encounters before, she felt as though she couldn't meet expectations in school and behavior. I realized then that she too needed to understand the attributes of the dandelion; sharing with her that regardless of how she might have become a part of our family, she was okay to just be herself. Helping her to see that her uniqueness added value to our family, and that she can be confident that we had no intentions of plucking her up (as the dandelion often is). As a family, we want her to grow strong roots with us so that she can be successful and go far, just like the seeds of a dandelion does.



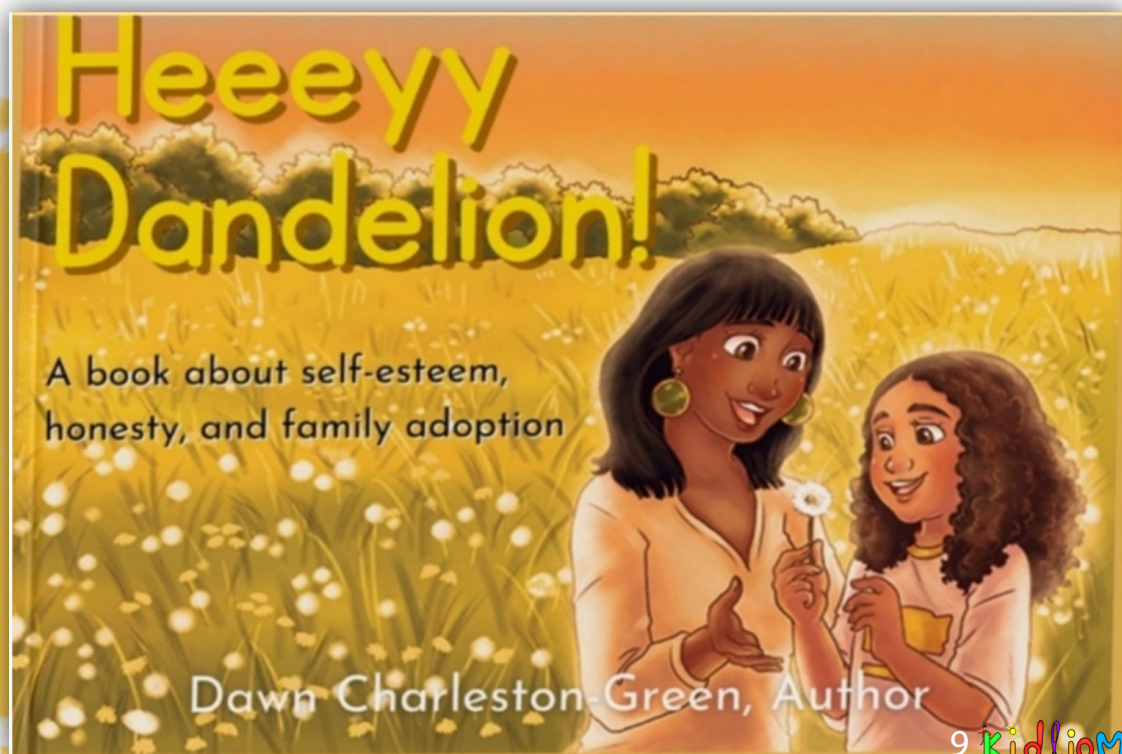
Dawn Charleston-Green

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

I believe that it is through transparency that we reach people the most. For that reason, I knew that I wanted the characters of Heeeyy Dandelion to be true reflections of my daughter and I. However, this project was the first time I worked with an illustrator. The first go-round I was scammed. Literally. Someone on Instagram pitched to me and offered to create a sketch. After I paid them a deposit, the profile was completely deleted. Fortunately the deposit amount wasn't much.

After that experience there were a few others who weren't able to deliver on time or in expectation. Finally though, Christian Rodriguez with Your Children's Book.com was able to capture the very essence of what I had in my head. I was amazed at how he gave my thoughts faces -- me and my daughter's faces. His first sketch blew me away and brought me to tears. I knew then he was the one to bring the story to life. Actually, his care and support, and attention to detail, lit a fire in me that I believe propelled the project forward and FURTHER than I had ever expected or intended.

<https://dawnofanewday365.com/>





Argentina led 2-0 at half-time, but a hat-trick for France by Kylian Mbappé and an additional goal for Argentina left the match tied 3-3 after extra time. Argentina won the ensuing penalty shoot-out 4-2 to earn their third

FIFA World Cup
title and first since 1986.

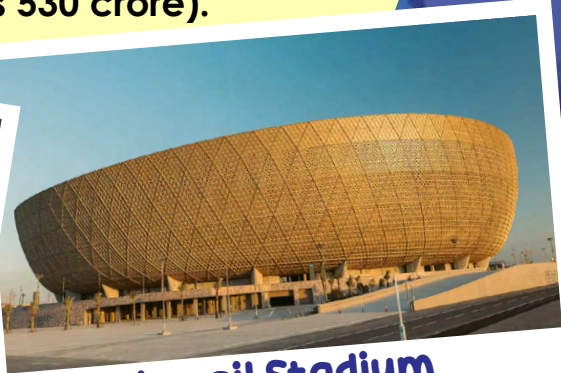
QATAR FIFA WORLD CUP 2022



FIFA WORLD CUP
Qatar 2022

As per Bloomberg, Qatar has spent

a whopping **\$300 billion**
(Rs 2442000 crore) to organize the World Cup. As per Economic Times, the construction of new stadiums cost \$6.5 billion (Rs 530 crore).



Lusail Stadium

As the host country, Qatar's national football team automatically qualified for the World Cup 2022. This is their first appearance at the FIFA World Cup. However, they lost their opening game to Ecuador.



Argentina and Paris Saint-Germain icon

Lionel Messi, 35, confirmed in October that Qatar 2022 will be his last, while Portugal and Manchester United player, 37-year-old

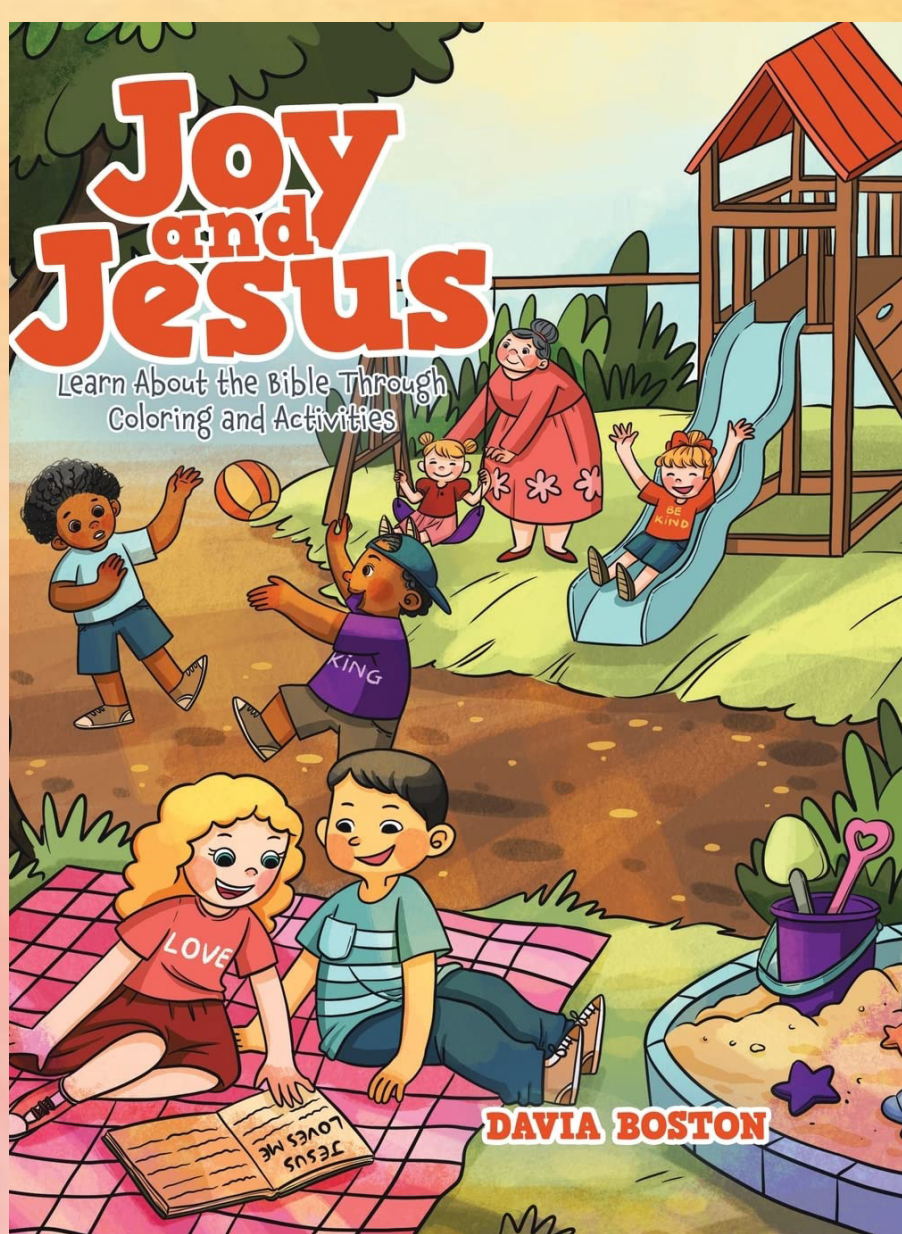
Cristiano Ronaldo is yet to make a comment on his future in international football. Messi and Ronaldo are unarguably two of the greatest players to have played the game.



This is the first World Cup to be held in the **Arab world**, and the last to feature 32 teams. From the next edition in 2026, the number of participating teams will increase to 48.

There are only eight teams in the world that have won the prestigious FIFA World Cup. Brazil has five wins, while Germany and Italy have four wins each. Uruguay, Argentina and France have two titles each, while Spain and England have one each.





Joy and Jesus

Learn About the Bible Through Coloring and Activities

Q: Tell us something more about your book?

My book is an activity book that was designed to help young children discover their God-given Joy and to encourage them to feed their spirits with positive affirmations. My hope is that the youth will be able to dive into their self-expression and grow into who God created them to be. It was meant to be something fun for the youth! I want this book to not only impact but also be something meaningful.

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

I chose kids as my readers because it is important for children to have someone to guide them in the right direction. They are the future and bring a special light into the world. My readers will be our future leaders so it is important to me that they know anything they want to achieve is possible! No matter what the odds are, they can prevail as long as they believe in themselves.

Q: Why are the stories and passages feature the ones you included?

My spirit led me to put them in the book. They were stories and passages I read as a kid, so I wanted to pass them on to the next generation.

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

The message I have for my readers are, NEVER let someone tell you, that your dreams aren't attainable. You can do whatever you put your mind to! Always make the right choices and decisions, and learn from your mistakes. And most importantly, be yourself always. You are uniquely wired, and there is no one like you.



Davia Boston

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

My name is Davia Boston, and I am 23 years old. I am from Atlanta Georgia and graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design a year ago. I love working and spending time with the youth and working through my Non-Profit Organization, Joy's Foundation, which instills in the hearts of those that are less fortunate.

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

Well, I feel as if I've always been creative, but I dove more into it when I went off to college. That was when I actually started trying different things, learning myself, and utilizing my giftings and talents such as acting, modeling, and writing.

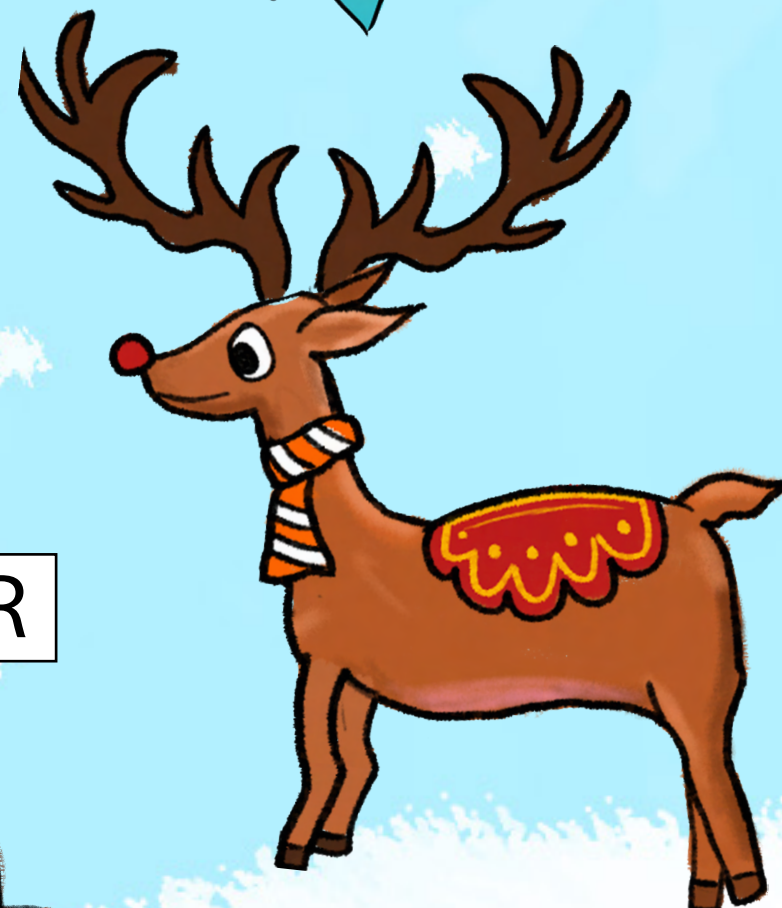
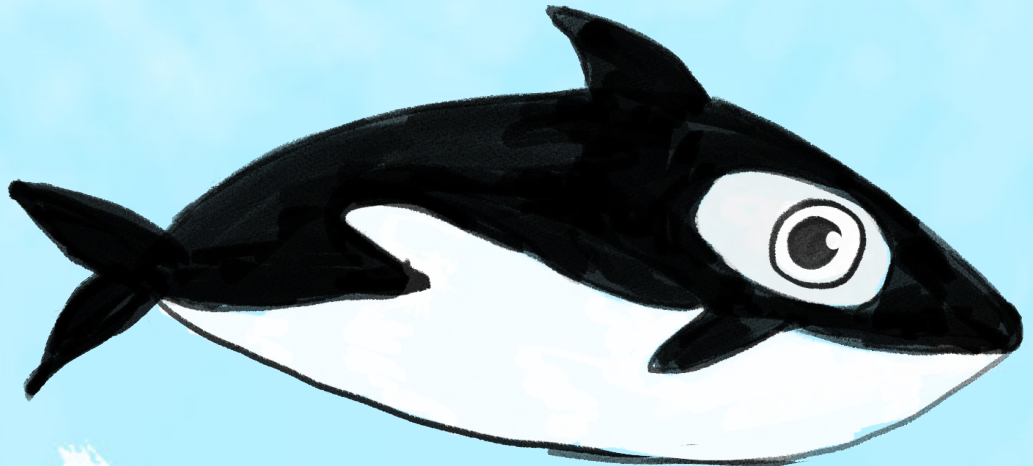
Q: Your first book is a coloring book, will you ever try writing a story?

Well, my book is not only just a coloring book, it is a book of different activities which includes affirmations, puzzles, and biblical stories. And of course writing stories is something that interests me. I love storytelling and creating work that is meaningful and purposeful. I think it is important for people to story tell because you never know who it could impact.

This activity book is designed to help young children discover their God-given joy through biblical stories, positive affirmations, crossword puzzles, word searches, and coloring sheets. This twenty-page book encourages the youth to feed their spirit and dive into their creativity and self-expression.

available at
amazon

Arctic Crossword!



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	A		W											
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Frannie and Willie love adventures and visiting their aunt who helps them to see how grand experiencing life as a family can be. They will soon discover some unusual places and rewards inviting you into a world of endless possibilities.

available at
amazon

The Good Fortune

Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I am a wife and mother of three, I am also the founder of an organization called Diamonds With Purpose. I love waterfalls and traveling.

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

I started writing in college and I had a professor who assigned a project that just took on a life of itself. It inspired me and gave me the idea to write and publish my work.

Q: When did you write your first story?

Is it published or not? My first story was written January 2022, Yes, it is published

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

It opens your childlike imagination and gives even adults a chance to experience and enjoy the book.

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

I chose children as my readers because I love how vivid their imagination can be. I admire how they can learn through a book or game and try it without hesitation.



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

My parents (Willie and Helen) gave me something special by telling my siblings and I about our grandmothers (Minnie and Francis) in the form of stories and how family time was important to them.

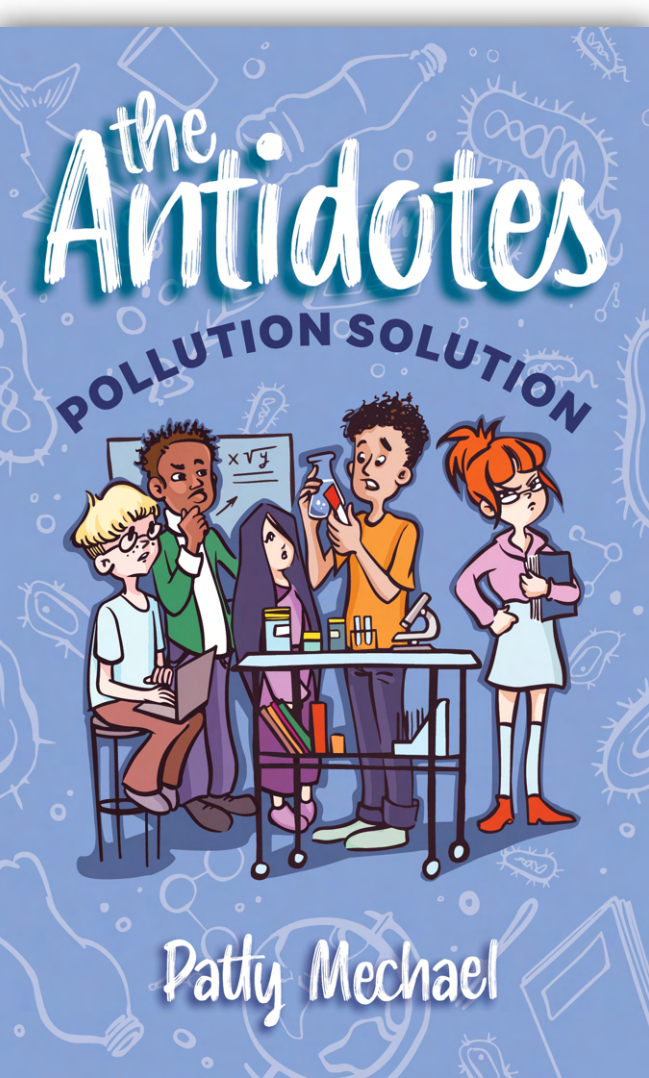
Q: Do you want to leave any messages for your readers?

I would like to say to them never lose your imagination, Always hope for greatness, Dream Big the possibilities are endless.

FILL IT UP

Your Jar With Marbles Of Good Manners.





New Release

Puns

the Antidotes

POLLUTION SOLUTION

Just when a group of fifth-grade friends is returning to normal life and to school after a global pandemic, the waters of the Chesapeake Bay have become polluted by a plastic-eating bacteria experiment gone wrong—and both fish and kids are getting sick!

Izi, Gir, and their friends go to science club and discover a fishy cover-up. The school has to close down again! These climate warriors who call themselves the Antidotes join forces with public health activists to find clean water solutions. The friends use STEM strategies to help save the earth from a potential disaster—they also have secret meetings, do a little spy work, and make some useful discoveries.

The Antidotes race against the clock to get out the word to kids around the world about how to stay safe. But—will the Antidotes be able to get enough kids to achieve zero plastic use before it makes any more fish or children sick? Join the Antidotes in their first science adventure, and stay tuned for more stories to come!

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amazon

New Release

Puns

LOL

Where Does A Snowman Get The Weather Report?

W—internet

WHAT KIND OF MATH DO SNOWY OWLS DO BEST?

OWL—GEBRA

What can you catch in the winter, even with your eyes closed?

A Cold

Why Was The Little Snowman Sad?

Cause He Had A Meltdown

WHAT DO SNOWMEN EAT FOR BREAKFAST?

Frosted Flakes

What do you call a prom at the North Pole?

SNOW BALL

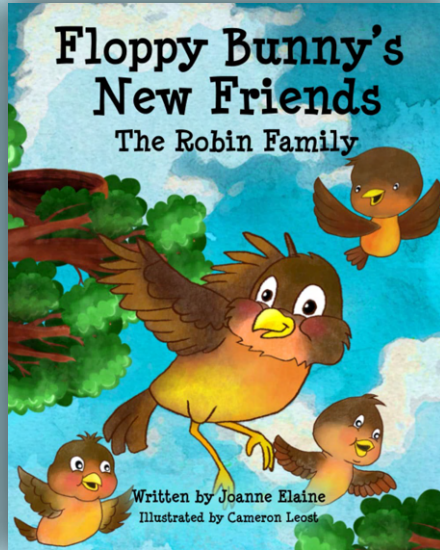
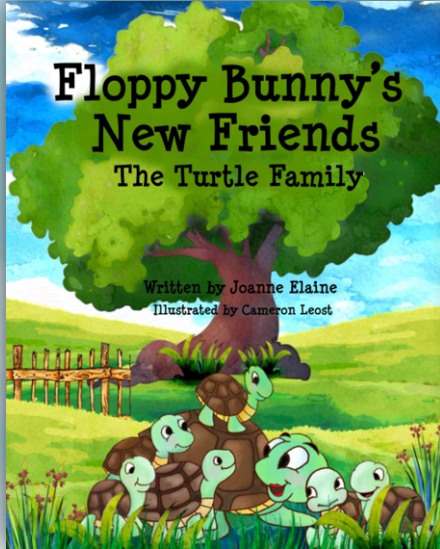
Dr. Patricia Mechael

Dr. Patricia (Patty) Mechael is a mom, writer, and public health specialist; who combines her passions for public health, women's rights, technology, science, and the world to inspire children and adults through her writing. Drawing on her career in global health, Patty's works wrestle with the toughest public health and societal issues of our time, including the environment, responsible technology and AI, pandemic preparedness and mental health. Her writing also draws on her more than 20 years of work across more than 40 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Patty holds a PhD in Public Health and Policy from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a Master's in Health Science in International Health from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. She is the author of the middle grade fiction novel, The Antidotes: Pollution Solution (Bold Story Press), which she wrote with her 10-year old son (available on Amazon).

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Floppy Bunny's New Friends Joanne Elaine



Q: First tell us something about yourself?

I am a biological, adoptive, and step-mother, as well as a biological, and adoptive grandmother. I am employed as a Special Needs Teacher at a local inner-city high school, and have been working in the field for 30+ years. I enjoy being out in nature, especially walking in the woods, sitting by lakes or streams, kayaking and camping. Sitting by a fire with my family is a favorite past-time that we all enjoy. Children and animals have always been special to me, and have been the motivation for both my career and my books.

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

I began writing poems as a child, which continued into my adult years. I have journaled off and on as a method of self-care when needed, but never took writing seriously until recently.

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

I was motivated to write the original story, "A New Home for Floppy Bunny," after witnessing the trauma that the foster care system has on many children while going through the adoption process myself 20 years ago. I didn't pursue publishing my story, however, until my adoptive daughter was herself in the process of adopting a child approximately two years ago. I have since published four books, all in the "Floppy Bunny" series, this year.

Q: Tell us something more about your books?

In the first book, a young bunny finds himself in need of a new home. During his journey, he meets three other families (robins, ducks and turtles), who gently and lovingly explain to him why they would not be a good match for him. Although saddened, Floppy Bunny stays hopeful, and eventually meets a family of bunnies who happily adopt him, even though he is a little different from them.

The following three books, "Floppy Bunny's New Friends," are whimsical tales about Floppy Bunny introducing his new family to the Duck, Robin, and Turtle families. During each of his visits, he begins to envy some of his friends' abilities that he does not possess. The two mothers in the story get together and create situations that allow Floppy Bunny to experience each ability in some way. In the end of each book, Floppy Bunny realizes that although it was fun to try something new, he is happy being who he is.

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

There are two reasons for choosing kids as my reader. First, these stories were written for young children in the foster care system because of my own experience adopting children from this system and seeing the damage that their experiences can have on their psyches. Second, I love children, and doing whatever I can do nurture and protect them in any way is a priority for me.

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

The story was a result of my adopted children's experiences in the foster care system prior to joining our family. I wanted to create a story that young children could relate to without directly referencing foster care or adoption. My love of animals and nature made the creation of the characters and settings in my books a natural choice.

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

The intended message to young children who hear this story is that their situation is never due to any fault of their own, and that while waiting for their "forever family," they may meet families who cannot adopt them. There are many reasons for this (most of which a young child will not understand), but it is not because they are "unlovable" or "unwanted," which, unfortunately, is often part of the trauma many children experience while in the system.

Although the first book was originally written with foster care and adopted children in mind, its message is an important one for every child to hear. As there are currently hundreds of thousands of children in the foster care system in the U.S., the chances are great that most children will meet another child either living in foster care, or who has been adopted at some point. Educating young children about the needs of their peers at this primary level increases empathy, and thereby lessens the stigma and bullying associated with being in foster care or being adopted.

The messages in the last three books are also powerful ones for every child to hear. Learning to love oneself for who you are is a lesson that will serve every child well throughout their life, helping them to navigate social pressures to conform instead of being true to themselves.

available at
amazon



NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

I Want To Read:



I Want To Try:

I Want To Create:

I Want To Learn:


I Want To Travel to:



I Want To Cook:



I Want To Explore:



A New Habit:

Spend more time on:



Ruth Maille



The Power of Empathy

Be the Friend
You've Always Wanted

The beautifully illustrated story gently teaches young children how to recognize their emotions - and the emotions of others. Don't miss spending time with Orbit and his friends on their fourth adventure of The Power Of... children's series. Children learn what it means to practice empathy by witnessing real-life examples that are easy for them to understand.

Written with simple language
Perfect for adults to read aloud
Enables children to see themselves in the samples

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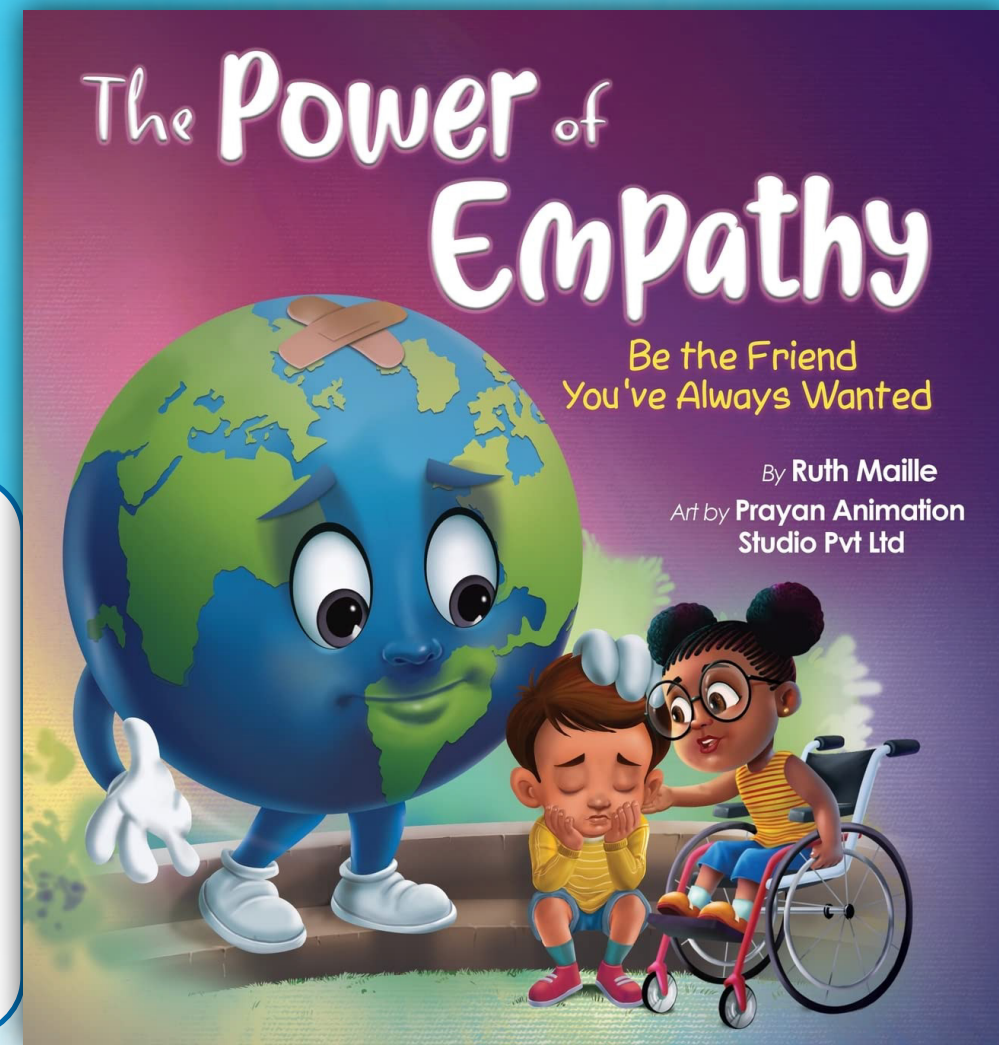
Q: First, tell us something about yourself?

I am a mom of 3 amazing adults, Evan, Scott, and Kendra. They are why I chose to become a licensed daycare provider and preschool teacher 32 years ago. This career allowed me to stay home, raise them, supplement my income, and do something I love to do-teach. Over the years, I have been able to help so many families follow their career paths while knowing they are leaving their children in a loving, safe environment when they go off to work. I enjoy traveling with my family when I am not writing books or running my business. There is always some adventure waiting to be explored.

Q: How many books are there in The Power of ...series and which is your favorite?

The series The Power of... consists of four books centered around essential character traits needed in today's world. Each book encourages children to explore how they can make a positive difference in the world. My first three books teach children how to find and share positivity, kindness, and gratitude. My fourth book starts by equipping children to recognize and understand their emotions. This empowers them to be able to empathize with themselves and those around them. Honestly, I don't have a favorite book because of the unique impactful characteristics of each one. What I can tell you is what I enjoy most about each book.

My first book The Power of Positivity: The ABCs of a Pandemic holds a special place in my heart because it contains the likenesses of past and present students in my daycare. I did this to honor my students for all they have taught me as a provider and teacher in the 32 years of my career. The Power of Kindness: Through the Eyes of Children brought Orbit to life. The examples Orbit shares were given to me by the children. The Power of Gratitude: Unlocking Hidden Treasures is the fruit of interviewing over 100 children. Their answers showed me a new world as they shared what they were grateful for and why.



My most recent book, The Power of Empathy: Be the Friend You've Always Wanted, is such an important message. Children being able to recognize and understand their own emotions allows them to have compassion for themselves and then extend that compassion in the form of empathy to the people around them. In our stressed-out world, empathy is a skill we all need.

Q: How do you celebrate when you finish your book?

As a preschool teacher, my students are my inspiration. I spend a lot of time listening to them, trying to understand their point of view and what they see in their lives. They are a huge part of my journey, so I like to show them My acknowledgment and appreciation. Once I have pushed the publish button or received the first box of books, the children and I usually read the book together and then have a special treat like ice cream or cookies.

Q: Tell us more about your new book, The Power of Empathy?

The Power of Empathy: Be the Friend You've Always Wanted is about recognizing both positive and negative emotions and understanding that it is OK and normal to experience all of them. Orbit, our main character, is back to help children identify, name, and share these feelings with others. Orbit encourages his friends to help others by imagining being in the other person's place. When Orbit shares different forms of empathy, it encourages the children to share examples.

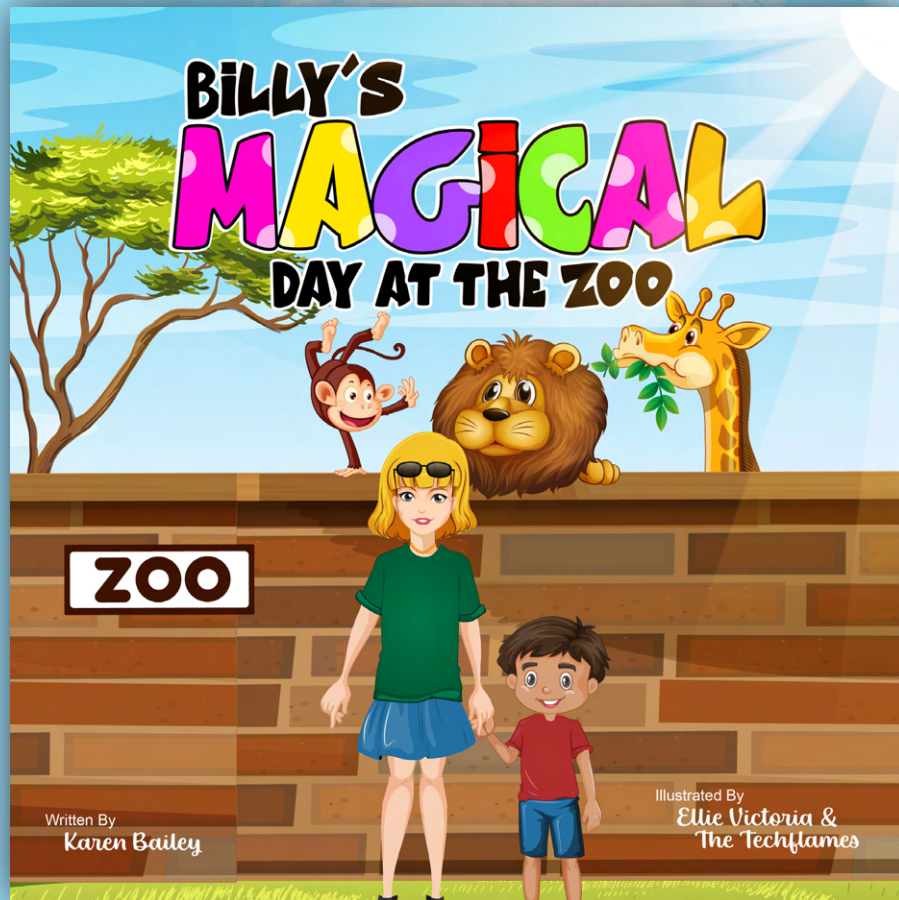
Q: Do you want to leave any message for your readers?

I hope that my books inspire children to be the best version of themselves by embracing the qualities they hold in their hearts. When they read my stories, I hope that they can see themselves connect and embody positivity, kindness, and gratitude. I also hope they know they can make a difference one small step at a time.

BILLY'S MAGICAL DAY AT THE ZOO

KAREN BAILEY

A mother and daughter with a combined dream of writing and illustrating children's books. Karen is an English writer who grew up in Northamptonshire. She is an indie author working as a Senior Account Manager for a for a global Medical Device company by day and enjoys writing in her spare time. Karen's writing journey began when she reached a significant birthday and decided it was time to fulfil this life-long dream to create children's books that both children and parents will love. Importantly including all elements of a book that parents and children are looking for: Is it fun to read? YES! Is it age appropriate? YES! Is it Interactive? YES! Is it educational? YES! Is it inclusive? YES! Passionate about creating children's books that are interactive to encourage parent and child reading together to create discussion and have fun together whilst reading some educational fun facts and enjoying humour in the story. Ellie Victoria created all the illustrations for Billy's Magical Day at the Zoo and is a trainee Primary School Teacher by day. She enjoys drawing and designing in her spare time and is passionate about creating books that provide children with not only educational facts and an interesting story, but also encourages activities such as colouring in. It is of paramount importance to us as a family that every child feels included and represented within our books and we hope you feel we have achieved this.



Cuddle up to this inclusive, heart-warming, interactive children's picture book and find out what makes Billy's day at the Zoo so very magical! From the tallest giraffe to the smallest and cutest baby sea lions, Billy has so much fun and sees many of his favourite animals. How many of your favourite zoo animals do you think you will see? Find out what happens on Billy's day at the Zoo and how it ends on a surprisingly colourful note! Filled with educational, interesting fun facts and humour throughout, with colouring in activity pages for you to enjoy! Perfect to read at any time of day or as a night-time routine to help children relax and wind down before bed. Suitable for Ages 3+

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DO YOU KNOW?

Oceania is the first place to celebrate the New Year. The small Pacific island nations of **Tonga, Samoa** and **Kiribati** are the first countries to welcome New Year, where January 1 begins at 10 am GMT or 3:30 pm IST on December 31.

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The uninhabited islands of **Howland and Baker Islands**, near the United States, are the last places to welcome the New Year. They ring in the New Year at 12 pm GMT or 5:30 pm IST on January 1.

Dubai has set numerous world records with its fireworks shows. These world-renowned displays are set around the city and often incorporate major landmarks, like the **Burj Khalifa tower**, as part of the show.

The First New Year's Celebration
Dates Back 4,000 Years.

About 1 Million People Gather in New York City's Times Square To Watch The Ball Drop.



Forty-five Percent Of Americans Make New Year's Resolutions



Messy Marvyn & Friends Cheery Clairey's Winter Wonderland

Cheery Clairey is one of the happiest and cheeriest friends in the Messy Marvyn & Friends series. But does Clairey always have a smile on her face? No one is happy and bubbly all the time, and the same goes for Cheery Clairey.

In this story, we take a quick trip back in time. You will learn about Clairey's big move to Canada from Trinidad. How did Clairey feel when she had to leave her friends and family behind to set out on this new adventure with her parents?

Clairey enjoyed her first airplane ride, and she loved her new home, but when the first day of school arrived, she was anything but cheery. Who will help Cheery Clairey adjust to her new classroom and help her to make new friends? How will Cheery Clairey react when she finally sees her first snowfall? Will she truly enjoy the amazing winter wonderland?

If you've ever had a big move, or if you've ever been the new kid in class, then this story is for you!



Cheryl M. Charles

Cheryl is a retired teacher from Waterloo, Ontario. Most of her career was spent as an English teacher in the primary French Immersion Program. Becoming a teacher was life-changing! Cheryl was the teacher but her students also taught her many invaluable lessons. Like her own children, Cheryl observed the students developing friendships. Babies aren't born with judgment or hate. These negative and divisive qualities are taught or modeled by those around them and are learned as children grow and develop. Friendships shouldn't be defined by race, religion, gender, or personality traits. Cheryl observed that kids were naturally sociable and for the most part, they had open hearts and could make friends without biases if they had the proper role models. It didn't mean that their friendships always ran smoothly without bumps along the way, but for the most part, her students didn't use their differences as a reason not to get to know each other and form bonds. Cheryl marveled at these admirable qualities that adults should recognize, praise, and embrace as they cherish the friends that they have and at the same time, reach out to form new friendships.

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GLITCH

Once in Appland the app Duolingo (The language app) roamed around the edge of the world. Incidentally, Duolingo saw a Glitch at the edge of the world and got scared because he did not want to be

infected with the virus of the Glitch. But the Glitch attacked **Duolingo** anyway and infected him. This caused a malfunction in Duolingo's language system and started mixing different languages.

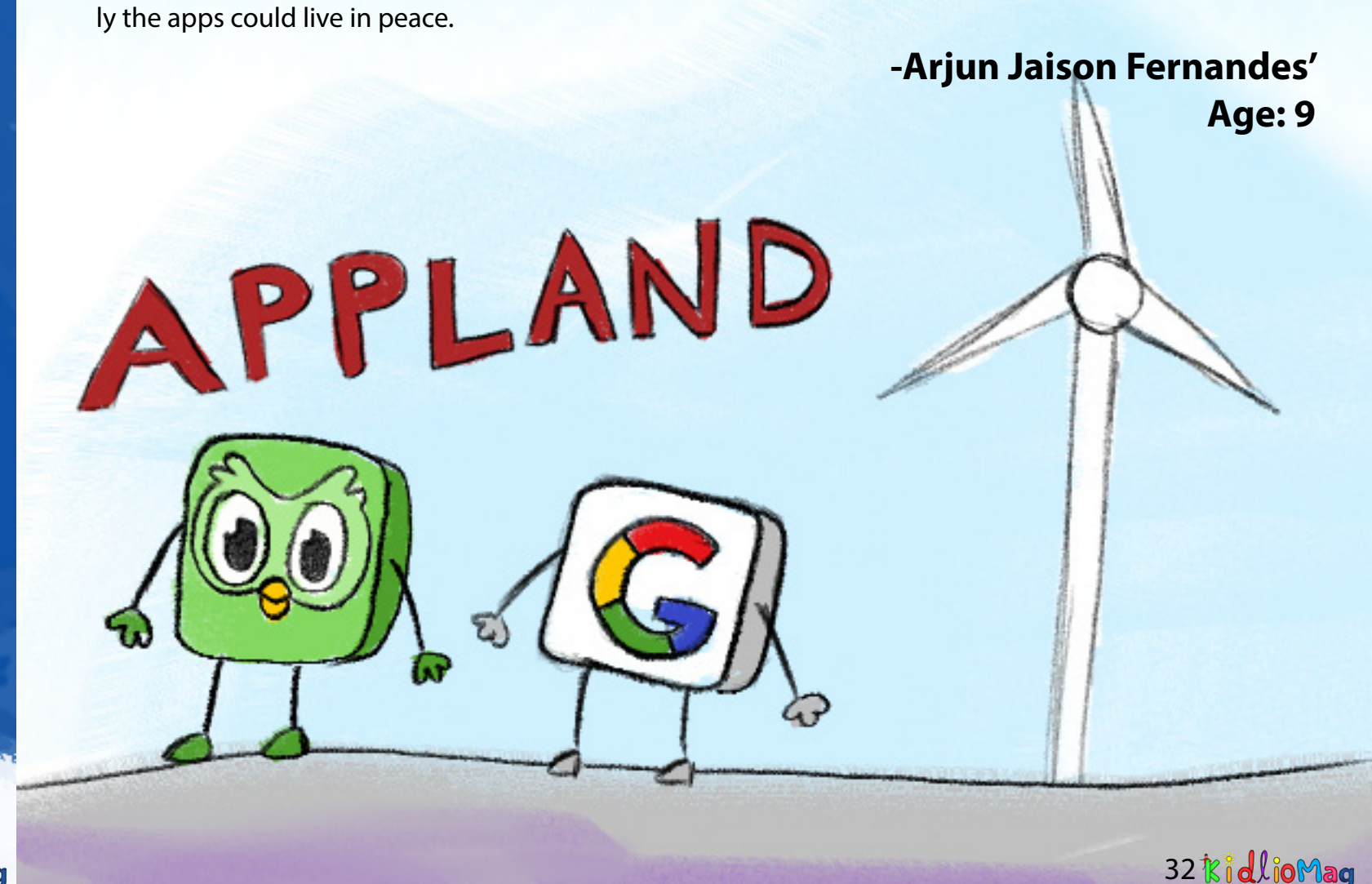
The police chief of Appland **MR. WHATSAPP** noticed that Duolingo was acting strange after he came back to the **APPLAND**. The chief called Doctor Need and explained him about the situation of Duolingo. Doctor Need tried to heal Duolingo but failed. So, they took him to the wisest app Google.

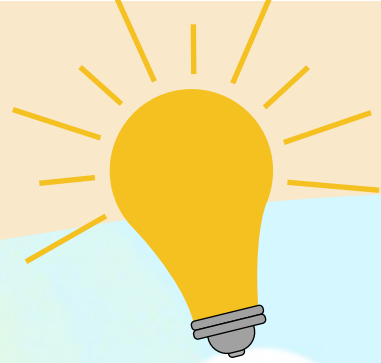
Google took out an anti-virus potion and asked Duolingo to drink it. This healed Duolingo. While they

all were coming out of Google's house, Glitch was waiting for them. He **infected** Duolingo, Google and Doctor Need, however, the Whatsapp escaped and called a surviving app, Files. Files came with a bag and from the bag he removed a gun with two antennas and shot at the Glitch until the anten-

nas said "out of space." Files, then removed a taser from the bag and **electrocuted** himself five times. This resulted in appearance of "Five duplicates" and the Five duplicates shot at the Glitch until the Glitch was absorbed by the guns. Afterwards, it took five whole days to free the captured apps and finally the apps could live in peace.

-Arjun Jaison Fernandes'
Age: 9





THINK!

WHY? Answer?

**Why The Half Of The Earth
Has Winter And The Other Half Summer**

**Why Are Bees Busy
In Summer Season?**



**Why Many Tropical Countries
Have Two Seasons?**

BRAIN-G

**Why Do We Have
Seasons?**



**Why Do Leaves Fall
In Autumn Season**



That's How It Was

Operation Finders Keepers

Hazel Pacheco

I am a part Hispanic, part Native American woman, and have lived my entire life in New Mexico. I have an MBA and was first in my family to graduate from college. I often thought someday I'd write a children's book. After retiring with twenty-seven years of federal service, I finally found time to do just that. Over the years I've listened to my husband and his cousin talk about their mischievous escapades. Those kinds of stories needed to be shared. In August 2020, I self-published That's How It Was, which is a tribute to the love of my life and best husband ever. I hope after reading That's How It Was, the characters in my book come to feel like life-long friends.



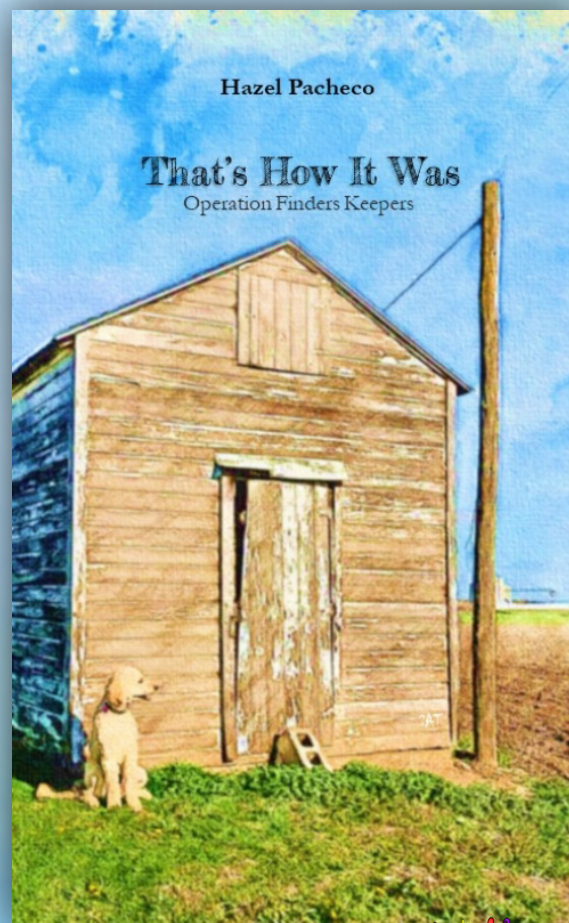
That's How It Was

Operation Finders Keepers

Best described as slyly funny and heart-warming, That's How It Was: Operation Finders Keepers is uniquely written in letter format.

Randy Ray's letters from the late 1960s, addressed to his future family, prove to be captured moments in time just waiting to be discovered by his daughters thirty-seven years later. These treasured memories allow his daughters to get to know the boy who became their father.

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YOU'RE MY ONLY ATTENTIVE , MOTHER

I felt your **Kindness** when I was born ,

Your **Magic** let our love life .

Your face is the sun for me ,
You're my only attentive , my confidant mother !

If I feel happy you have been glad too ,
You have been the cure if I suffered ,
You have been my guard at nights ,

You're my only attentive , my confidant **Mother!**

When the life punishes me , my foes had been glad ,

When all my **Friends** left me one by one ,

She's ready to **Sacrifice** her thousands of souls ,
You're my only attentive , my confidant mother !

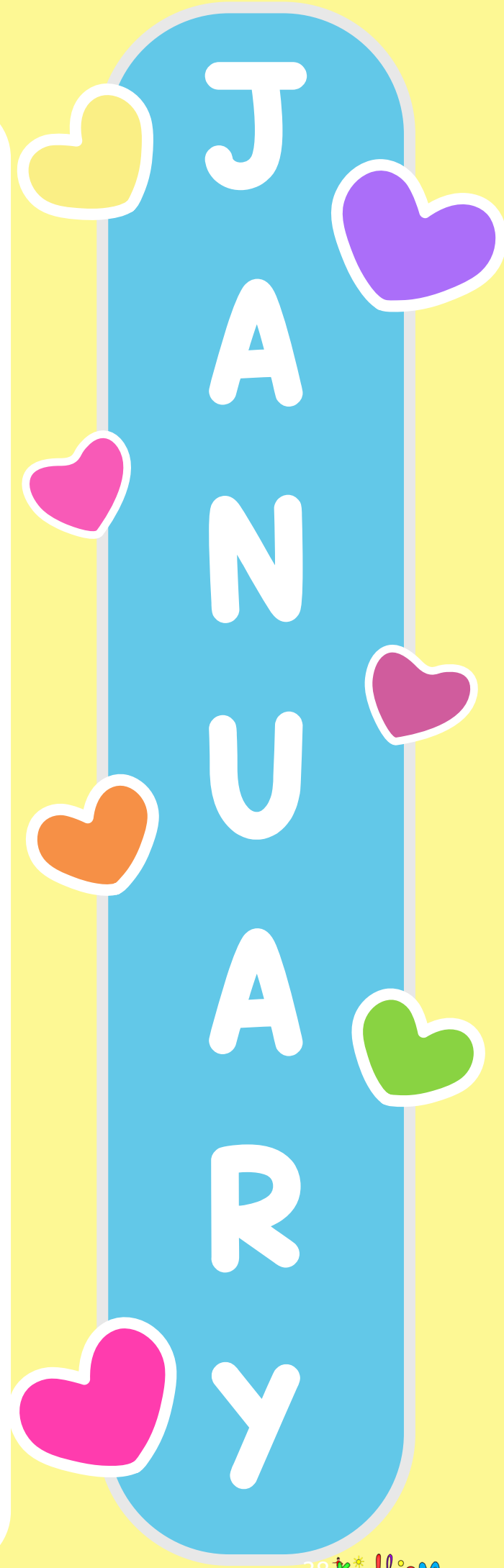
Your **Cuddle** is the endless joy for me ,
I would not find any other pleasure in the world ,
Be **HEALTHY** for my luck forever in life ,
You're my only attentive , my confidant mother!

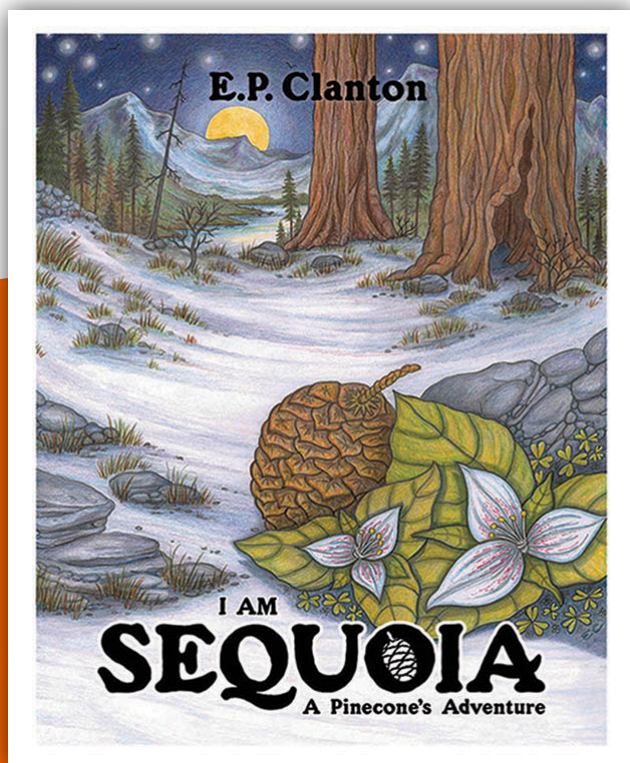
-Makhammadrizoyeva Madinabonu



My Planner

<div>2</div> <div>Movie Night</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Read a Favourite Book</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Family Game Night</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Make a Mug Cake</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Make New Year Resolution</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Dance On Your Favourite Tunes</div>	<div>1</div> <div>Wish New Year To First Person You See</div>
<div>9</div> <div>Make A Snowman</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Make A Handmade Cards For Your Friends</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Paint a Bird House</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Welcome Winter Weather With Hot Cocoa</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Bake Cookies</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Sing Silly Songs In Bathtub</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Take a Hot Bubble Bath</div>
<div>16</div> <div>Paint With Water Colors</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Play I Spy</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Watch your Favorite Cartoon</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Have a Picnic</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Go for a Nature Walk</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Donate Your Old Toys And Clothes</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Storytime!</div>
<div>23</div> <div>Roast Marshmallow</div>	<div>24</div> <div>List What You're Thankful For</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Make Someone Laugh</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Help Cook Dinner</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Chocolate Day today! Bake a Chocolate Cake!</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Help Someone In Need</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Help Mommy With Household Chores</div>
<div>30</div> <div>Sing Carols</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Say Thank You To Your Parents</div>					<div>29</div> <div>Puzzle Day Today! Solve a Puzzle</div>





Name: I Am Sequoia, A Pinecone's Adventure

Author: E.P. Clanton

Description: High above, almost touching the stars, this little pinecone does something totally unexpected, what happens next will surprise you!

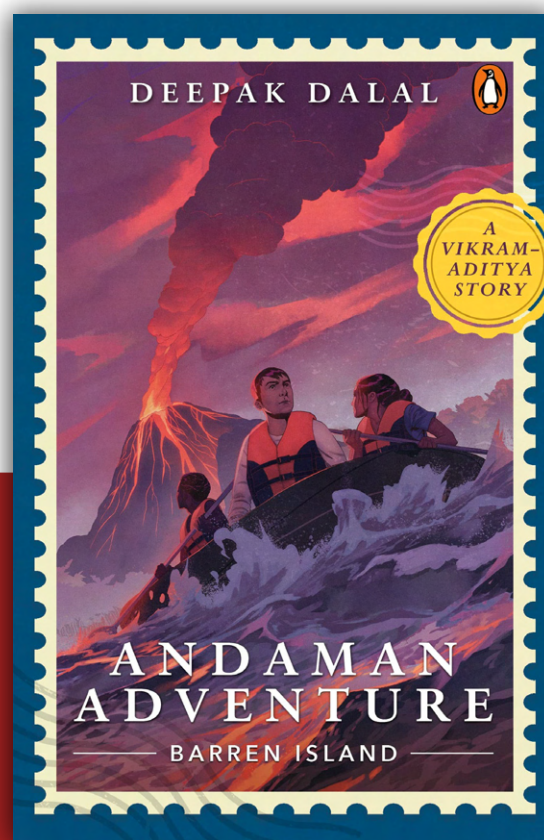
I Am Sequoia, A Pinecone's Adventure will empower children and parents alike, you won't just enjoy the adventure, you will feel like a part of it!

Created with beautiful illustrations, a love of nature, this book will inspire & educate children about these incredible time tested giants! Their resiliency from seasonal dangers help the sequoias to grow stronger each year.

I Am Sequoia!

"I may be small in size, but inside I feel incredibly large!" -pinecone

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

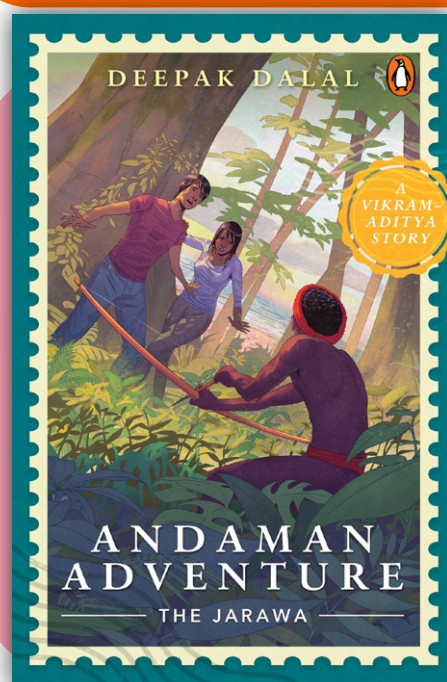


Name: A Vikram-Aditya Adventure Series: Andaman Adventure: Barren Island

Author: Deepak Dalal

Publisher: Penguin India

Description: When the book begins, Vikram, Aditya and Chitra are in Port Blair, the capital city of the Andamans. The trio are recuperating from their recent adventure in the remote Jarawa Jungles in the Andaman Islands. While exploring this colourful city, Vikram stumbles upon a series of intriguing clues. However, the investigations he conducts end up ruffling some feathers and manage to upset some powerful criminals. To escape their wrath, Vikram is forced to undertake a secret voyage destined for unknown shores, under cover of darkness.



Name: A Vikram-Aditya Adventure Series: Andaman Adventure: The Jarawa

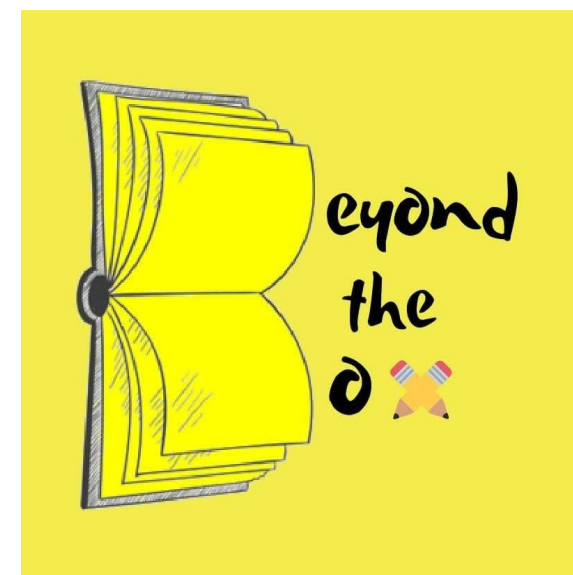
Author: Deepak Dalal

Publisher: Penguin India

Description: This is the seventh book in the Vikram-Aditya series following from Koleshwar's Secret and is the first of the two-part 'Andaman Adventure' books. The Andaman coast, north and west of the capital city of Port Blair, is an unspoiled stretch of beauty. This untamed coast has only been partly explored. Large sea eagles prowl its blue skies, saltwater crocodiles patrol meandering creeks, and lush and dense forests unfold behind isolated beaches. These magnificent forests are home to the proud and ancient people of this land known to outsiders as the Jarawa. Wielding arrows and spears, the Jarawa fiercely protect their wild abode, attacking those who dare enter into their sacred space. Vikram and Aditya, accompanied by Chitra, a free-spirited girl much like the islands themselves, embark on an adventure of a lifetime along this very coast. On a moonlit night they venture up a forbidden creek where danger lurks in the shadows awaiting them. Find out what happens next in this thrilling adventure series set in India's farthest-most region.

BTB Wordsmiths of the Year Awards 2022

Beyond the Box is an impact-driven literary venture spearheaded by Anupama Dalmia that believes learning is fun when you make it fun. Their mission is to help children and budding writers unbox the joy of writing and develop love for the written word. Their vision is to empower children by encouraging them to own their thoughts and expression. They constantly strive to not just nurture the creative writing skills of kids but to give them the stimulus to become more perceptive, observant and thoughtful individuals. With their all-embracing approach and unconventional methodologies and initiatives, they help kids to look beyond any boxes and focus within.



BTB Wordsmiths of the Year Awards is the annual event of BTB which was started in 2020 to celebrate the lovely community of writers. The 3rd edition of the LIVE event sponsored by Little Surprises took place on 11th December virtually amidst pomp and show with a 12k+ viewership and 1.1k engagement. What made the event unique this year was that it was co-hosted by three lovely and talented kids - Reya Jain, Srikar Chitta and Paulomi Babre. Prolific and renowned author Tanushree Podder was the Chief Guest at the event and she spoke about her books Spooky Stories and More Spooky Stories. Awards were given across twenty categories and there were scintillating musical and dance performances given by the little champs Vihaan Khandelwal, Akshat Arora and Sakshi Shirode. Rohini J from Story Pond captivated the audience with an engaging storytelling session and Ananya Gulati left them in splits with her interesting stand-up act. Author Aashisha Chakroborty and Child Author Srishti Chawla who also sponsored the event prizes were present for discussing their latest books. Apart from the aforementioned brands and authors, Puffin Books, Kidliomag, Explore Kids World, Savie Karnel, Vidhya Thakkar, Geeta Nair and Geetika Bakshi were also among the key sponsors and partners of the event. You can watch the event online any time on <http://www.facebook.com/beyondthebox2019>. For enquiries and enrolments, drop an email at btbdairies@gmail.com



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