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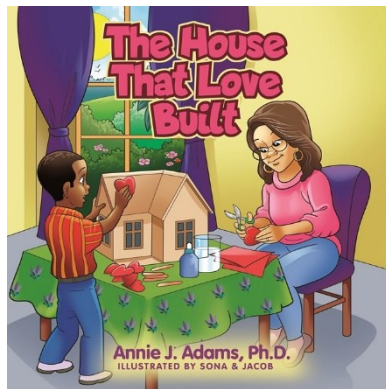
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Nineteen Authors Bring Diverse Books to Dayton's When I See Me™ Children's Book Fair

Nine Featured Titles Offer a Preview of More Than 75 Books Families Can Explore

Dayton, OH, July 15, 2026—Dayton families are invited to a celebration of children's books, culture, confidence, and community at the Third Annual [When I See Me™ Children's Book Fair](http://WhenISeeMe.com) on Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 11 AM to 4 PM at Dayton Metro Library's West Branch. Nineteen authors will be on-site to autograph books featuring diverse characters and stories that help children see themselves, dream bigger, and fall in love with reading.

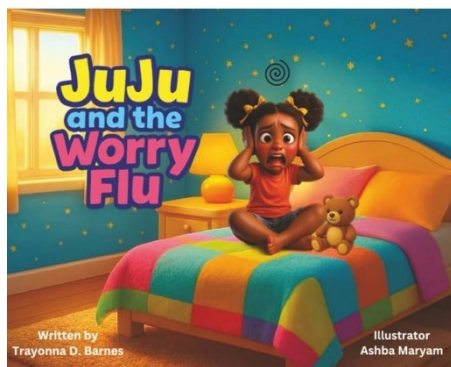


***The House That Love Built* by Annie J. Adams, PhD**

Get ready for an exciting adventure in *The House That Love Built*! Join a little brown boy and his grandmother as they go to a special place, a church that's super cool.

Like a big hug from Granny Annie, you'll find new things happening on every page. *The House That Love Built* is more than a book. It's like going on a treasure hunt of love, warmth, and family. So, if you want a story that's like a big, cozy cuddle, this one's for you!

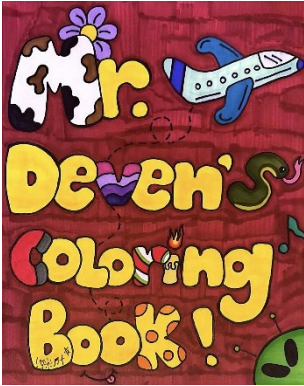
TheHouseThatLoveBuilt.net



***JuJu and the Worry Flu* by Trayonna D. Barnes**

JuJu is a bright, curious little girl — but some mornings, her worries feel bigger than she is. Her mind fills with “what ifs” that make her belly twist. But with a little help from Mom, a deep breath, and a brave heart, JuJu learns that the “worry flu” doesn’t have to win.

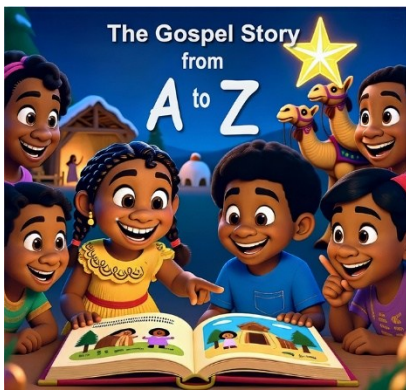
TrayonnaBarnes.com



Mr. Deven's Coloring Book by Deven Cannon

Let your imagination run wild with this hand-drawn coloring book for children, adults, and families. From playful circus scenes to candy-crying monsters, every page invites creativity, self-expression, and stress-free fun—because there are no mistakes in art.

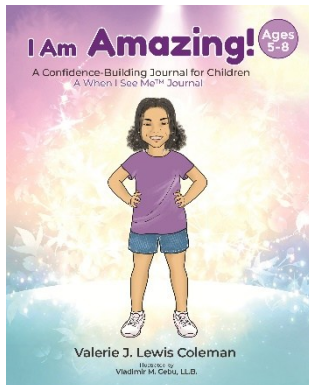
MrDevensColoringBook.com



The Gospel Story from A to Z by Doris Hibbler

From Angels to Zion, *The Gospel Story from A to Z* brings the life and purpose of Jesus Christ to life for readers of all ages, reminding us that God's story of love, redemption, and hope begins with YOU.

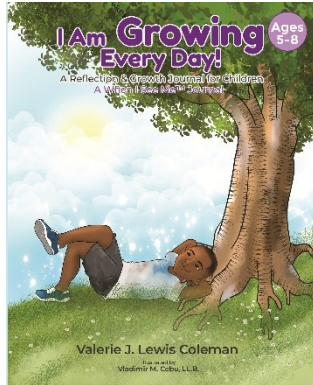
doris.hibbler@sbcglobal.net



I Am Amazing! A Confidence-Building Journal for Children Ages 5-8 by Valerie J. Lewis Coleman

This uplifting journal helps children recognize their strengths, celebrate what makes them unique, and grow in confidence from the inside out. Through engaging prompts and creative activities, children are reminded that their thoughts matter, their voice is important, and who they are is something to celebrate.

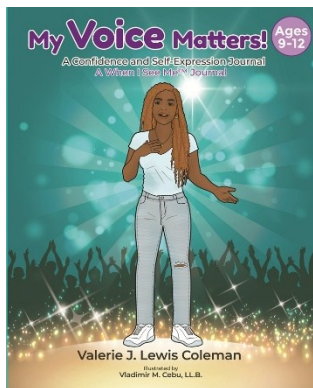
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I Am Growing Every Day! A Reflection & Growth Journal for Children Ages 5-8 by Valerie J. Lewis Coleman

Children grow in many ways—through successes, challenges, mistakes, and small victories. *I Am Growing Every Day!* encourages kids to notice their progress, learn from experiences, and build confidence in who they are becoming. Through thoughtful prompts, reflection pages, and creative activities, this journal shows children that growth doesn't happen all at once—it happens a little more each day.

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My Voice Matters! A Confidence and Self-Expression Journal for Children Ages 9-12 by Valerie J. Lewis Coleman

My Voice Matters! helps children build confidence in expressing themselves, speaking with courage, and believing that their thoughts, feelings, and voices matter. Through engaging prompts, reflection pages, and creative activities, this journal encourages children to explore their identity, discover their strengths, and use their voice to make a positive difference in the world.

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Oh, The Things I Can Be When I See Me by Valerie J. Lewis Coleman

Samara and Lyric are cousins who love to visit their grandmother, MeMe. The girls talk about all the wonderful things they want to be. Their self-esteem and confidence grow as they learn about women who have done what they hope to do.

Oh, The Things I Can Be When I See Me was inspired by a grandmother's conversations with her granddaughters. Filled with historical pioneers and modern-day trailblazers, this picture book empowers girls of color by providing examples of successful women who look like them.

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***Oh, Lo Que Puedo Ser Cuando Me Veo* por Valerie J. Lewis Coleman**

Samara y Lyric son primas y les encanta visitar a su abuelita, MeMe. Las niñas hablan sobre todas las cosas que quieren ser. Su autoestima crece mientras aprenden sobre mujeres que han hecho lo que ellas quieren hacer.

El cuento *Oh, Lo Que Puedo Ser Cuando Me Veo* fue inspirado por las conversaciones de una abuelita con sus nietas. Llenas de pioneras históricas y exploradoras modernas, este libro empodera a niñas de color al proveerles ejemplos de mujeres de éxito parecidas a ellas.

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Event Information

Third Annual When I See Me™ Children's Book Fair
Saturday, July 25, 2026
11:00AM–4:00 PM
Dayton Metro Library – West Branch
300 Abbey Avenue Dayton, OH 45417

Admission is free.

For more information about the When I See Me™ Children's Book Fair, sponsorship, or community partnerships, visit WhenISeeMe.com.

About When I See Me™

When I See Me™ is a literacy and confidence-building movement dedicated to helping children discover their voice, build confidence, and realize their limitless potential through culturally relevant books, guided journals, author experiences, and community literacy events.

Every child deserves more than a book. Every child deserves to see themselves as the hero of their own story. Through books, journals, and community experiences, When I See Me™ is making sure they do.

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