



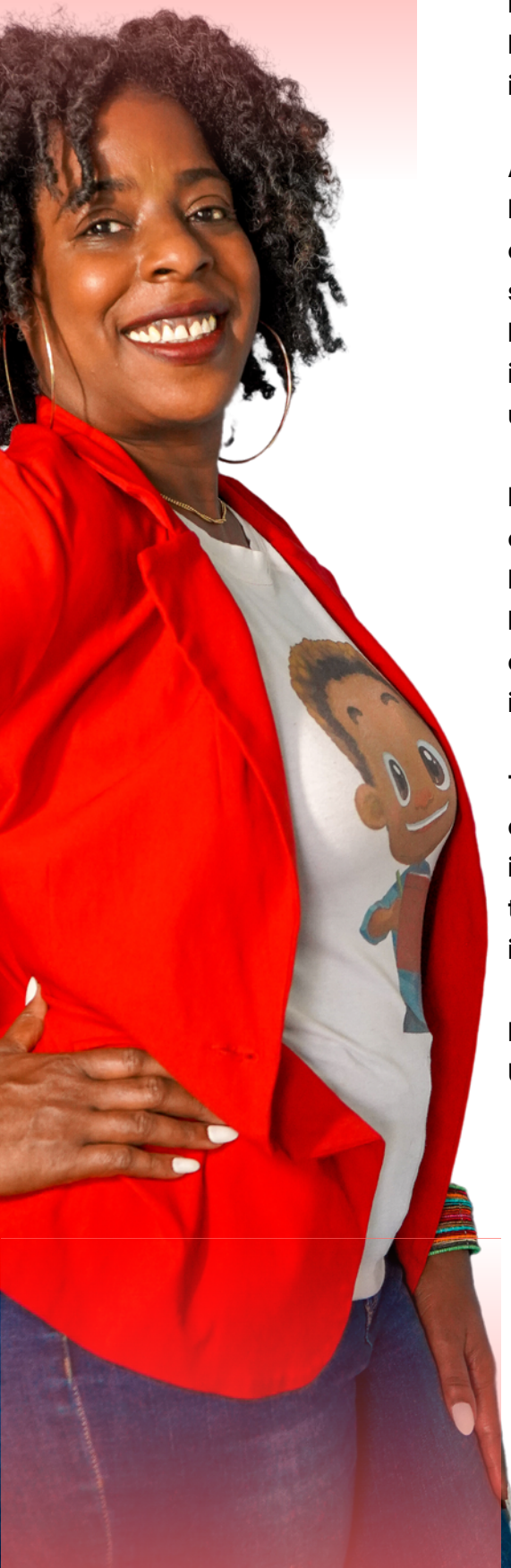
Media Kit

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About Me

Patrice McLaurin is a best-selling author, owner of Khemrah Publishing, LLC, and a passionate Image Activist. With an impressive background, she has made significant contributions to education and literature. Her books have been used to supplement STEM and Social Emotional Learning curricula nationally and internationally. And through her impactful work, Patrice continues to inspire and empower young minds.

As a subject matter expert, Patrice helped to develop EVERFI's online Black History Curriculum: 306 Continuing the Story. Her expertise in children's literature led to her crafting an engaging three-part video series, emphasizing why Black voices are significant in children's literature; produced for the esteemed York Region District School Board in Canada. Her work also earned a coveted feature on PBS Kids, underscoring her dedication to education.

In addition to a STEM acclamation by Microsoft, prominent media outlets such as USA Today, Woman's Day Magazine and New York Magazine have recognized Patrice's impact on the literary world. She's had the US Embassy in Cyprus share her work. And one of her titles was cited in a Smithsonian Lemelson Center report, helping to solidify her influence in the industry.

Through her writing, Patrice aims to encourage children to become creators, producers, and emotionally intelligent human beings. Her hope is that her books will serve as a catalyst for young readers to explore their own potential and help to foster a generation of empowered individuals.

Hailing from Bessemer, AL, Patrice is a proud graduate of Alabama A&M University. She currently lives in Dacula, GA.

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PATRICE MCLAURIN

Q & A SHEET

CAN YOU BRIEFLY WALK US THROUGH YOUR STORY – HOW YOU STARTED AND HOW YOU GOT TO WHERE YOU ARE TODAY.

To begin, I am an educator at heart and an Image Activist. As such, I have been working to inspire, empower and uplift children for decades. I'll admit that my initial focus was on Black children. However, after the violent deaths of Trayvon Martin, Jordan Davis, Michael Brown, and Tamir Rice, my desire to uplift our children amplified. I recognized that my work wasn't only about fostering self-determination in black children. It was also about humanizing black existence in the eyes of all children; particularly those children who grow into the adults that might possibly foster racist stereotypes and biases. As such, my first children's book was born and my journey as an authorpreneur began. Firmly rooted in Image Activism, and the proud offspring of decades of encouraging black children to think higher of themselves.

TELL US MORE ABOUT YOUR PUBLISHING COMPANY, KHEMRAH PUBLISHING, LLC. WHAT SETS YOU APART FROM OTHERS IN YOUR INDUSTRY?

Khemrah Publishing, LLC is a boutique publishing house that specializes in multicultural children's books. Our customers are primarily parents and educators who are looking for high-quality children's literature about people of color. We provide books that highlight the untold stories of marginalized groups, and simultaneously offer positive imagery.

What helps to make us unique is our foundation in Image Activism. Our grassroots approach to literature is fueled by a firm understanding of the importance of positive and accurate representation of marginalized communities in media. We stake a particular interest in the representation of Black boys in children's books because we want to help reshape the narrative of Black boys and young men, and help to close the Black boy literacy gap.

One of our other unique aspects is how all of our books align with Common Core Standards. We want to make their integration into classrooms as seamless as possible. This will increase access for children of color to our books. Furthermore, each of our books supplement either STEM or Social Emotional Learning curriculum and come complete with additional resources to include lesson plans and classroom activities. These additions not only help to heighten lessons from the books, they also work to ease the burden of classroom teachers.

Our alignment with current educational trends harmonizes perfectly with our next continued desire which is to integrate our products into school curriculums across the nation.

WHAT DO YOU THINK HELPED TO BUILD YOUR REPUTATION AS AN AUTHOR?

I think the intention behind my books helped to build my reputation in the indie author/publisher space. My mission to raise the vibration of our children, one book at a time, can be felt with every author's visit and in every word I publish. This created a word of mouth campaign that spread amongst educators and parents alike. My sheer desire to make this world a better place for our children is the foundation of my reputation. My hard work and enthusiasm are the tools I use to build. I do what I do because I want children to have what they need. In helping them maximize their full potential, I'm helping to make this world a better place for us all.

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Q & A SHEET

WHAT INSPIRES YOU TO WRITE?

It's going to sound like a bit of a cliché, but when it comes to what inspires me to write, I can confidently say that children themselves are my greatest source of inspiration. The innocence, curiosity, and boundless imagination of children have an incredible ability to touch my heart and ignite my creativity. I firmly believe that they hold the key to our future, and it is our responsibility to nurture and guide them in the best possible way. As an author, I see it as my duty to contribute to their growth and development. This is one of my overarching goals; to help children maximize their full potential.

WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR IDEAS FROM ?

I'm an educator at heart, but I'm not in the classroom. As such, when it comes to deciding on topics for my books, I consider what lessons I'd like to teach children if I were a classroom teacher. Based upon those results, I determine what my next book is going to be about. Each story I create is carefully crafted with the intention of instilling important values, sparking their imaginations, and encouraging them to embrace their uniqueness. I believe that books have the power to shape young minds and inspire them to dream big.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE ASPIRING AUTHORS?

If there's one piece of guidance I would give, it is this: Embrace your voice and recognize its significance. Every aspiring author possesses a unique voice, a perspective that is solely their own. It's crucial to understand that your voice deserves to be heard. Your stories, thoughts, and ideas have the power to resonate with others in ways you might not even imagine. So, it becomes your responsibility to share your story with the world. I firmly believe that if a story has been given to you, it's because it was meant to be shared. Your voice is a gift, and it carries the potential to touch lives, inspire imaginations, and spark positive change. Trust in the power of your words and the impact they can have.

WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

Success, to me, is about creating a positive impact in the lives of children. It's about instilling pride, empathy, and compassion through my books. When I think about success, I envision a few things. I envision a world where black children are seen, heard, and celebrated for who they are. Where black boys are allowed to grow old. I envision my books being used to help bridge the black boy literacy gap by serving as accurate reflections and creating a genuine excitement about reading. Success to me also looks like fostering a sense of pride in Black children.

But I must admit, ultimate success, to me, extends beyond the boundaries of race. Through my stories, I strive to cultivate understanding and acceptance among young readers. By introducing characters from various backgrounds, ethnicities, and experiences, I encourage children to embrace differences and celebrate diversity. Success, in this context, means fostering a generation of empathetic and compassionate individuals who will contribute to a more inclusive and harmonious society.

For me, it's not solely about personal achievements or accolades. It is about knowing that I am contributing to a brighter future—one where all children, regardless of their background, have the opportunity to flourish, dream big, and make a positive impact on our shared world.

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Q & A SHEET

WHAT HAVE BEEN YOUR BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE AS AN AUTHOR?

My biggest accomplishment to date, outside of publishing best-selling titles and having an international presence, has been the collective impact I've been able to make in the educational space. I served as Subject Matter Expert in collaboration with the digital platform Everfi, in the development of their online Black History Curriculum, 306: Continuing the Story. My books have been used to supplement STEM and Social Emotional Learning curriculum across the nation and internationally. *Have You Thanked an Inventor Today?* is not only a best seller, it was also acclaimed by Microsoft as a book that inspires and promotes STEM! Furthermore, it secured a feature on a PBS show! It's even been cited in a Lemelson Center (Smithsonian) paper!

This makes my educator, author and publisher heart burst with joy! To know that my message of black excellence is being used to help normalize black existence and humanize black people; that we are essentially disrupting racism, in the classroom and abroad, via picture books! To date, this is my crowning achievement.



HAVE YOU THANKED AN INVENTOR TODAY

BOOK 1 OF THANK AN INVENTOR SERIES

AUTHOR: PATRICE MCLAURIN

ILLUSTRATOR: DIAN WANG

PAGE COUNT: 36

PUBLISHER: KHEMRAH
PUBLISHING, LLC

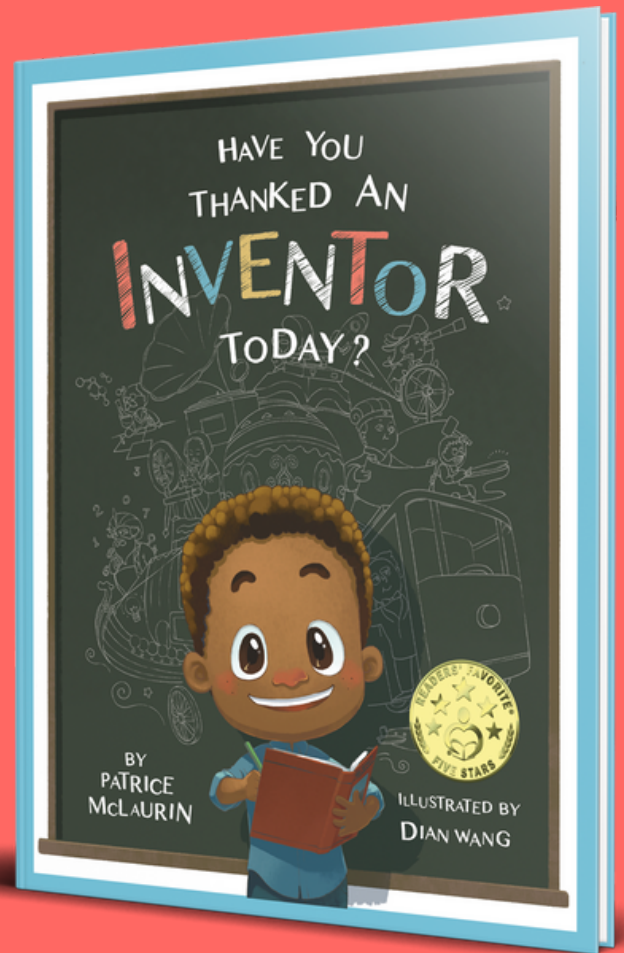
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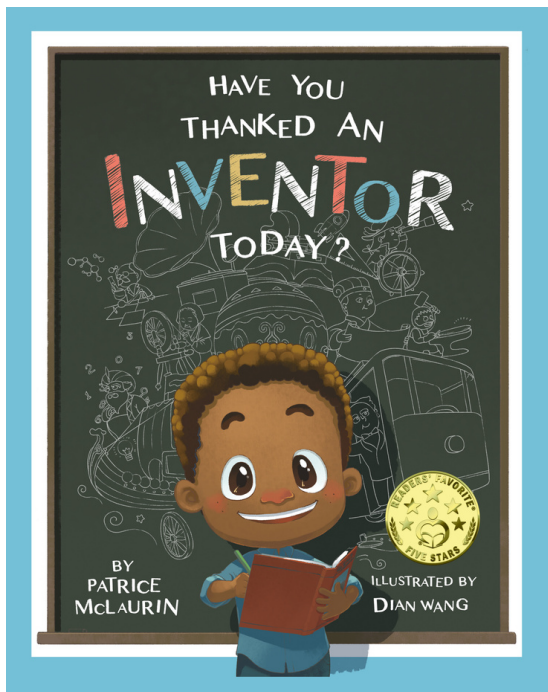
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SYNOPSIS

Have You Thanked an Inventor Today? is a journey into the often forgotten contributions of African-American inventors that contributed to the American landscape. It chronicles the school day of a little boy, highlighting different inventions that he uses throughout the day, all of which were invented by African-Americans. The book comes complete with brief biographies about each inventor as well as fun activities to promote and encourage reading comprehension. "Have You Thanked an Inventor Today?" was selected by Microsoft as a book that inspires STEM and has been featured on PBS!





Book Reviews

"My son loves this book, and because of it he was invited to NASA's 100th Anniversary program for honor students...[and] accepted to the gifted program, because your book sparked his interest. He wants to be an inventor. He stated, "mom they look like me."
-Keli Riddick

I was honored to read such a well designed, concise and power-packed book. I enjoyed how Patrice McLaurin cleverly told the story of the African-American contribution in Have You Thanked an Inventor Today? through a little boy just starting his day. Patrice McLaurin was able to not only provide children with knowledge, but also nuggets of history through the biographies of the inventors."

Vernita Naylor – Reader's Favorite

"Great conversation starter about inventors and how their ideas have changed our world! So happy to have this book in our school library collection. :-)" –
Janie Kossak

"My boys learned so much from this book and became more interested in inventions and who invented all the things around us. Great book!"
-Kelsey B

"My little one always grabs this book before bedtime and points out the items in the illustration to confirm who invented what. If I could give more than a five star rating I would."
-Tory

"I'm an elementary school teacher-librarian and this is a fantastic book for students of all ages! Excellent book with excellent lessons."
-Pamela H.

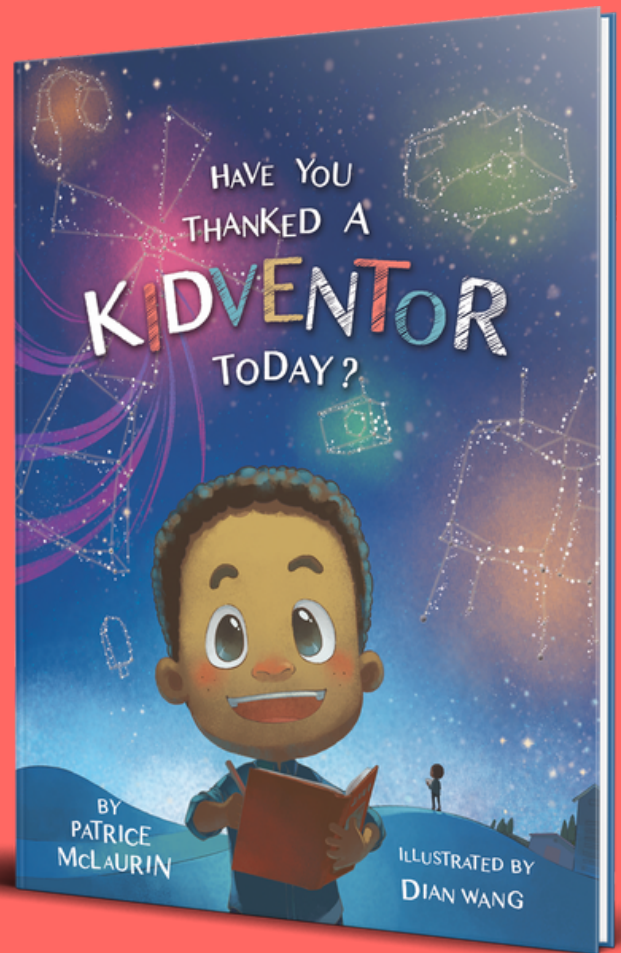
"This was an excellent addition to our family library! My six year old especially loved reading this and enjoyed the fun activities at the end of the book that helped to solidify the names of some of the inventors that he just learned about! Would recommend this book for any family! I'm sure it will be read again many more times."

Amazon Customer



HAVE YOU THANKED A KIDVENTOR TODAY

BOOK 2 OF THANK AN INVENTOR SERIES



AUTHOR: PATRICE MCLAURIN

ILLUSTRATOR: DIAN WANG

PAGE COUNT: 46

PUBLISHER: KHEMRAH
PUBLISHING, LLC

PUBLICATION DATE: JUNE 2019

ISBN: 9780997315240

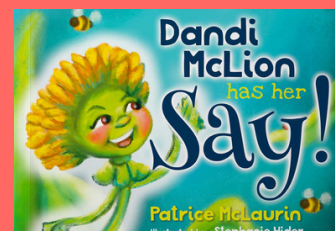
PRICE: \$19.95

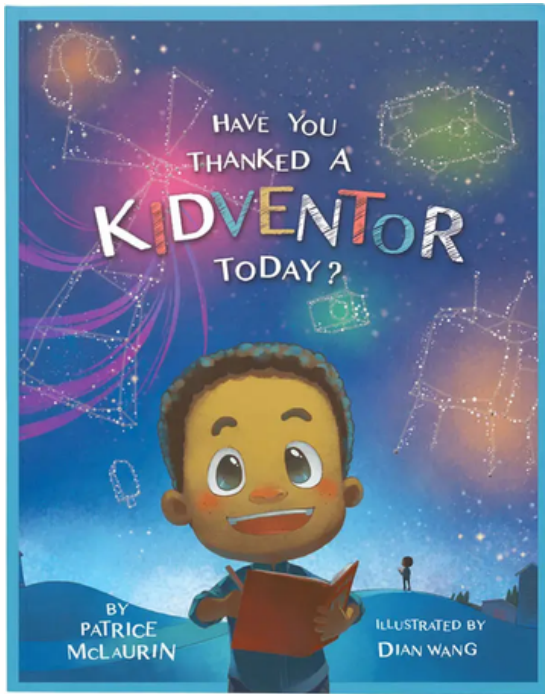
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SYNOPSIS

Have You Thanked a KidVentor Today inspires youth to tap into their own innovative inclinations, as each inventor highlighted in the book is a kid! Children will learn the stories behind some of their favorite inventions, to include the Popsicle and the trampoline! Additionally, to increase vocabulary and promote higher level thinking, the book comes complete with a glossary and fun science experiments! These wonderful additions help children to channel their inner scientific and artistic genius!





Book Reviews

"This is the perfect book to introduce your little one to science and experiments. The hands on activities are fun for both adults and children alike."

-Amazon Customer

"Our girls LOVE this book!! They like seeing how other kids have changed the world with their ideas and are seeing that they can too.

You don't have to be an adult to make a difference."

James Booker

"I liked that my daughter enjoyed reading it to her 2.5 yr old son ,as much as he enjoyed listening to it. Since then, she said that he picks it up and reads from memory..."

- VR Wilson

I purchased this book because I loved the first one so much (Have You Thanked an Inventor Today?) I use them in speech/language therapy to kickstart an entire unit on inventors. My students love to research the inventions and inventors further. I like the accessible format of the book as well as the people that I learned more about.

-Amazon Customer

Just like Have You Thanked An Inventor Today, this book, Have You Thanked A Kidventor Today, is a another hit! This book is an empowering must read/shared read for children, encouraging them too, to think in critical, creative, and innovative ways, making sure children realize that they are never too young to be an inventor, and that great ideas come in all shapes and sizes. This book is well-written, beautifully illustrated, age appropriate, fun, informative, and symbolic of how representation matters in children's literature. I hope Patrice McLaurin writes more fantastic books like this, because we all need them in our home, school, and public libraries!

-Lisa Francese

"My students loved this read aloud. Not only informative, but encouraging."

-Becca Mitchell



THANK AN INVENTOR COLORING AND ACTIVITY BOOK

BOOK 3 OF THANK AN INVENTOR SERIES

AUTHOR: PATRICE MCLAURIN
ILLUSTRATOR: DIAN WANG
PAGE COUNT: 115
PUBLISHER: KHEMRAH
PUBLISHING, LLC
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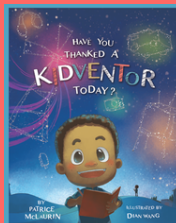


SYNOPSIS

Learn and have fun with this STEM based Coloring and Activity Book!
Over 100 different activities all based upon the best-selling books Have You Thanked an Inventor Today and Have You Thanked a Kidventor Today!

Children will enjoy hours of fun with coloring pages, mazes, dot to dots, crossword puzzles, madlibs, and more!

Each activity is simple enough for children to do alone yet engaging enough to spark enjoyment and creativity!





Book Reviews

Perfect addition to our "Thank an Inventor" collection. Can't wait to see the look on my LO's face when he receives this gift.

-Amazon Customer

I'm an adult and I still learn something from these books!

-Amazon Customer

As a parent and teacher, I love how this activity book gets my kids excited about science and engineering. The activities are engaging and a great way to get kids problem solving.

-Katie Exum

I AM BECAUSE I CHOOSE

AUTHOR: PATRICE MCLAURIN

ILLUSTRATOR: DIAN WANG

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PUBLISHER: KHEMRAH
PUBLISHING, LLC

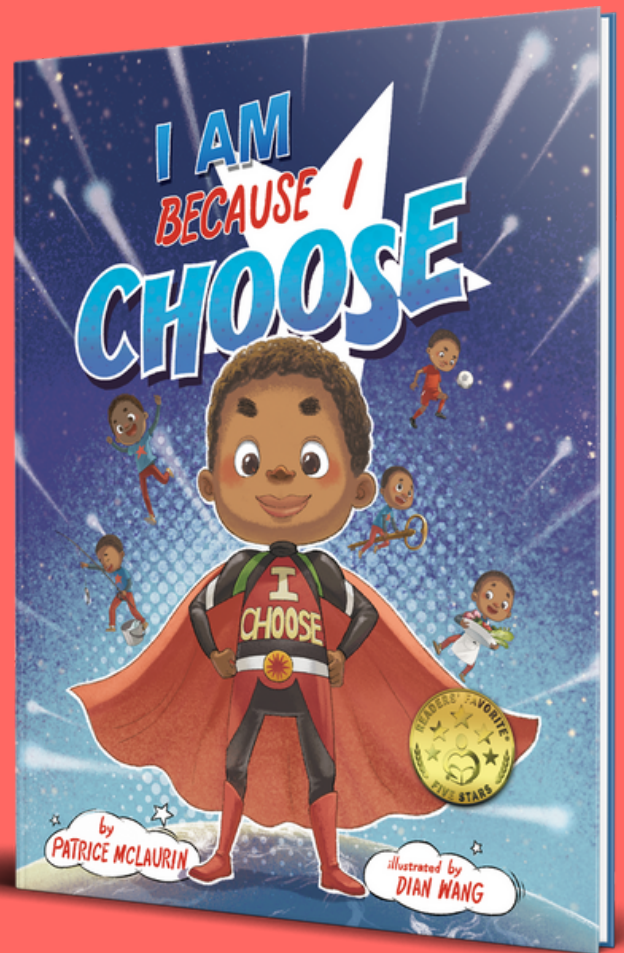
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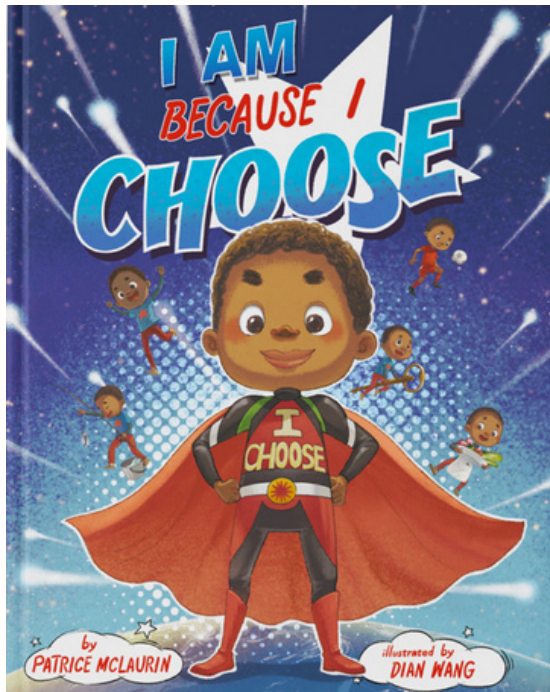


SYNOPSIS

I Am Because I Choose is an engaging picture book that encourages children to embrace their most amazing SUPERPOWER which is their power to choose! The book not only informs the idea that you get to choose your behavior, it also highlights positive consequences that can result from making good choices.

I Am Because I Choose helps to facilitate the core competencies of SEL and aligns with Common Core Standards. .





Book Reviews

"I loved that he (my son) could easily identify with the main character in a role that was uplifting in so many ways. The quality of the illustration was also top notch. So vibrant, clear and purposeful. "

-Sandy K.

““The text is a perfect balance between being educational and an enjoyable listening experience.”

-Just Me and My Shadow

“Character building is the most important factor of raising brilliant scholars and this book is a superb tool to assist with the task..”

Amazon Customer

“We loved the book, Patrice McLaurin is one of our favorite authors. The book reinforces lots of the principles of integrity that's taught at home and school. The illustrations are beautiful. Plus the teaching guide is a great way to facilitate social dialog at home or school”

-Kesha Church

“I am a first grade teacher and I am so excited to share this story with my students! Beautiful illustrations and a powerful message!”

-Samaiyah H. Id-deen

"I'm an elementary school teacher-librarian and this is a fantastic book! For students of all ages. We have the power to choose our way in life. Excellent book with excellent lessons.

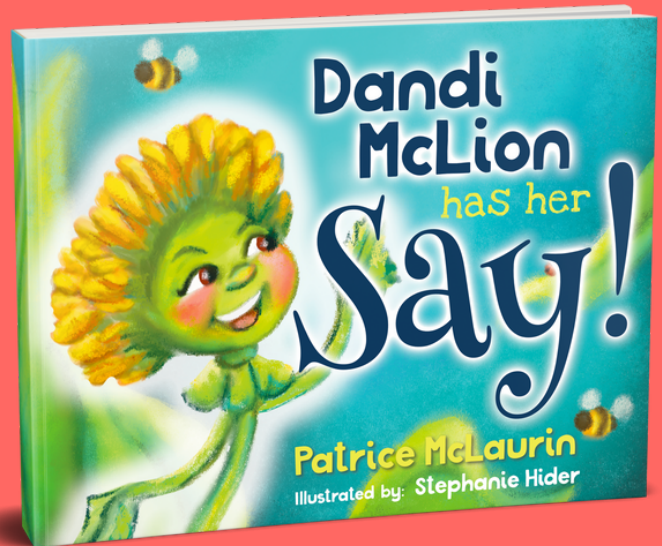
-Pamela H.



kristenanniebell  I love this book so much!



DANDI MCLION HAS HER SAY



AUTHOR: PATRICE MCLAURIN

ILLUSTRATOR: STEPHANIE HIDER

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PUBLISHING, LLC

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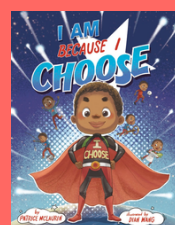
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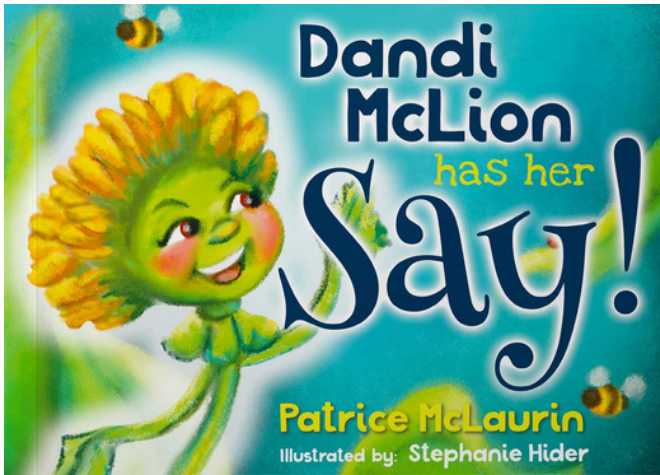
Dandi McLion is a beautiful and proud dandelion. She discovers that people have given dandelions a bad reputation and she doesn't like it! To resolve this problem, she attends the people's town hall meeting, where she shares awesome facts about the importance of dandelions, and why they should be respected like other flowers. Will using her voice make a difference? Find out what happens when Dandi McLion finally has her say!

FUN AND ENGAGING MIXTURE OF STEM, SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING AND CHARACTER EDUCATION! .



Book Reviews

"Dandi McLion,..a hero whom young readers will identify with."
-Kirkus



I absolutely love this book, it will be a great teaching tool for young children to learn how to express themselves in a positive way. Some adults could learn some positive conflict resolution from this book as well. The illustrations are beautiful and vibrant, will keep you engaged from beginning to end.

-Amazon Customer

"Focused on modeling self-confidence and adult support, McLaurin centers a protagonist who's unafraid of speaking up about what she believes in.."

-Publisher's Weekly

"Brilliant, educational and entertaining, this is a beautiful story."

-Reader's Favorite

"McLaurin mixes science and advocacy in a kid-friendly story."

-Kirkus Reviews



ABOUT AUTHOR VISITS

Patrice McLaurin is a dynamic and engaging author who loves connecting with students and empowering them to reach for the stars. With her passion, experience, and inspiring message, Patrice's author visits are a must-have addition to any school or event.

During these visits, Patrice's primary goal is to embolden and inspire youth by sharing her books, personal experiences, and unwavering belief in their ability to achieve their maximum potential. She understands the importance of fostering a love for reading and empowering children to embrace their uniqueness.

Patrice offers both on-site and virtual presentations, ensuring that her message reaches students regardless of location. Whether it's a full-day, half-day, or a customized schedule, Patrice is flexible and dedicated to meeting the needs of the host and audience.

While her author visits are tailored for grade levels K-5, Patrice has extensive experience speaking with students of all grade levels. In addition to classroom visits, she is also available for keynotes, motivational speaking engagements, and consultations. Her ability to connect with diverse audiences makes her an excellent choice for a wide range of events.

With her vibrant personality and relatable storytelling, Patrice captivates young minds and sparks their imagination. Her presentations are interactive, engaging, and leave a lasting impact on students, instilling a love for reading and empowering them to become the best version of themselves.

Author Visit Reviews



"Patrice visited my school for the second time in three years (once with K-5th and the other K-1st). She is engaging and strives to bring the best out of our students. Students talk about her and want to check out her books in the media center and teachers purchase her autographed books for themselves and their classroom libraries. I am thankful to work with Patrice and appreciate how easy it is to work with her.

-Keith Connor

"Thank you for such an amazing presentation!! Your energy is infectious, and you kept the kids energized the entire time!! (one Mom reached out and said her son talked about you for TWENTY (in all caps) minutes straight when she picked him up from school...We appreciate you sharing your talent with our students!!"

-K. George

"Patrice was fantastic..All of the teachers loved having her visit..parents even emailed ..would highly recommend Patrice!."

-Jenna Gubbels

"Patrice is fantastic! The students..the teachers..the admin loved her! She really knows how to connect with students! I've already had requests to bring her back again!"

-Carolyn Brook

Edward J Arthur Elementary

"The teachers wanted me to share with you that you were awesome!"

-L. Larsen



"We hosted a virtual event and Mrs. Mclaurin was stellar! Parents are raving about her presentation. Booking her was easy and the best decision!"

Nina Copeland Jones
Jack and Jill

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BOOK ME (Pun Intended)

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Patrice leaves a lasting impact on her audience. Her passion and authenticity shine through in every interaction and she brings a dynamic presence to any interview or event. By booking Patrice McLaurin, you align yourself with a visionary author, a champion of diversity and inclusion, and an advocate for the empowerment of young minds. You provide your audience with an opportunity to be inspired, educated, and moved by her transformative message.

Don't miss out on the chance to feature Patrice McLaurin in your media outlet. Contact us today to secure an interview, a guest appearance, or to discuss any collaboration ideas. Together, let's spread the word about Patrice's incredible work and make a positive impact on the lives of children and readers everywhere.