

So you want to write a children's book? A workshop for students grade 4 and up

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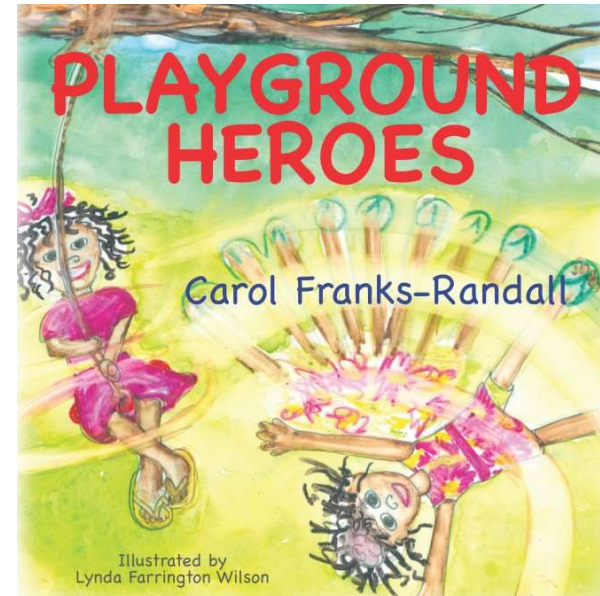
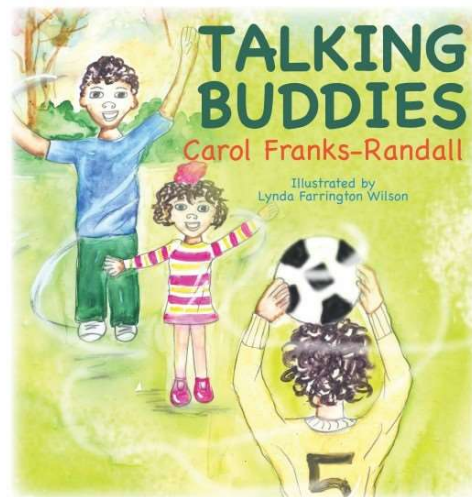
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My Journey



JAMAL AND ME

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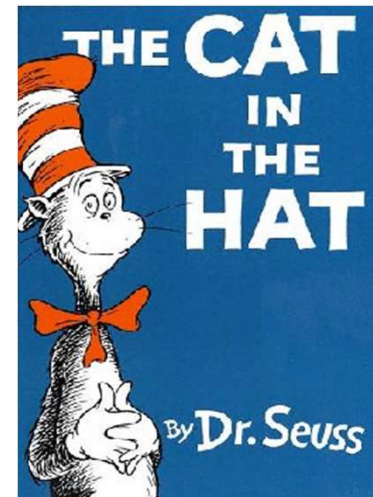


My Personal Story



Early Reading

- Loved reading as a child
- The Bookmobile.....
- Loved Dr. Seuss and I Can Read Books



Fast Forward to College and Beyond.....

- Went to City College of New York
- Married my college sweetheart
- Went to Teachers College, Columbia University
 - Majored in Special Education
 - Worked as a Special Education Teacher for 11 years
 - Have 2 daughters
- Worked as a Special Education Director, Elementary Principal and School Superintendent

And then I became Nana.....

- Have 6 grandchildren
- Love being a Nana
- If you want to learn more about me.....

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Why is this important?

- *Jamal and Me* – semi-autobiographical
- *Playground Heroes* – a story that features my grandchildren Zoë and Elle
 - Based on their behavior on the playground
 - Highlights students with student needs
- *Talking Buddies* – a story about an ELL student
 - Based on my grandchildren Tyler and Lila's experiences in a Dual Language Program in Washington, DC
 - Highlights the 'value added' of a multicultural society

Dr. Toughlove's Tips for Young Writers



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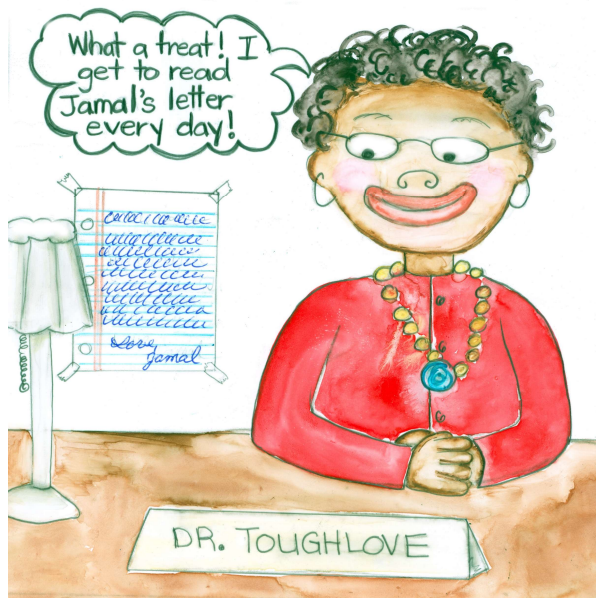
Don't be afraid to use big words and idioms.....

- Examples I have included in my books:

- unmentionable
- agile
- devious
- keen
- astonished

- pronunciation
- orator
- “Raining cats and dogs”
- “Kill two birds with one stone”

Use speech bubbles and thinking bubbles when it makes your story better.....



Thank you for listening!

Questions??????

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How can you use your personal narrative to write your story?

- What are the 3 most important things about you that you want me to know?
- What do you like to do? Why?
- Who do you admire? Why?
 - Maya Angelou
 - Abraham Lincoln
 - LeBron James
- Use the answers to these questions to begin your story....

Let's get started.....