

## AUTHOR INTERVIEW

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1. What was your inspiration behind this book?

We have all been through so much heartache together as a collective world, that I really wanted to connect people and give a feeling of community, togetherness, and inspiration. Our vision came together better than Heather and I could have even imagined. We truly hope this intentional and heartfelt project touches the hearts of many.

2. How do you get inspired?

I am inspired from all aspects of life. And I give credit to the many people I have collected over my lifetime. I really do love people, and I get inspired when I listen to their ideas, problems, and stories that people share. Just recently I was gifted a sign that said "Everything is figure-out-able" And that is the mindset I love to live in.

3. What are some of the writers that inspire you?

I feel like most of my inspiration comes from the sheer volume of interests I have. I love anything that has heart and intention that I can connect to, I really love reading spiritual books when I'm able. Sometimes I think I enjoy children's books more than my kiddos do. I believe everyone and everything that has touched my life and has left behind a residue of inspiration. I don't have just one author to credit my inspiration - but several authors and for various reasons. I do love Nancy Tillman, Julia Donaldson, Heather Lean, Mr. Jay, Sheri Wall, April Cox, Amy Maranville, Sam Cabbage, Karen Austin, Misty Black, Laurie Wright, Diane Alber, and so many more!

4. What do you do to overcome a creative block?

I switch projects, I think this is why I have so many projects I usually juggle at once. If it's not flowing, then I get going... on to another project that I feel like I can connect to. I'm more creative than my life allows time for, and I often dream up new ideas even when I'm sleeping. Maybe one day I'll finish everything I have started, but then again, maybe not.

5. When did you start writing?

My author journey started as a special keepsake gift to my first born about 8 years ago. However, what ignited my love for creating children's books was after going through a hard time, I poured myself into writing as an outlet, and not only did I find an amazing outlet for my wildly creative mind, but I found so much joy in spreading my heart to as many as possible. And I believe writing helped heal me from the inside out.

6. What does creativity mean to you?

I believe life is one big creative expression of style, language, interests, decoration, sports, art, friends, conversations, motivations, imagination, and inspiration. Creativity to me is the most beautiful way of expressing your true self.

7. Tell us an unexpected fun fact about you, that might come as a surprise to others.

I used to attend an inventors round table meeting, however, I never did bring any one of my pondered inventions to life. As it turns out my love for inventing new ideas, things, and concepts paired with my love for hypothetical conversations have brought me to my path of creating new content, new stories, and new giving worlds through the gift of written communication.

8. Where are you from and what places would you love to visit one day?

I live in Colorado. However, I would love to experience as many new places of peace, and happy in the world. I hope wherever I'm pulled to wander, that I continue to collect more good souls and good conversations throughout my way. I would love to take a trip around the globe at some point in time, and now that I know about it, I really want to go to the happiness retreat in Peru that inspired Tessa Yates' illustration for imagine a world full of happiness - created for The Giving World.

