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Skills and Lessons To Educate, Engage and Inspire



D.M. Whitaker is an author, publisher, and speaker, who spent almost 10 years in the community social service field helping children of all ages in the foster care, residential care, and education system attain adequate resources, skills, and education to be successful. In 2019, she decided to step out and fulfill her long-time passion of writing children's books and educating others.

As a storyteller, she writes children's books that help parents, educators, and caregivers teach children daily life and social skills through creative and educational stories. Her stories are written to teach the importance of social and emotional learning through skills and daily practices, helping children to be their best in their homes, classrooms, and communities. When she is not writing new stories, she owns and operates a publishing agency, Water Rocks Publishing, which helps women, mommy and me author duos, and young adults, publish and brand their stories with the intention to inspire, encourage, and educate.

D.M. is a proud wife and mother of two boys, one whom she co-authors her social and emotional learning skills series with! She enjoys reading, content creating, homeschooling her boys, and trying new outdoor adventures with her family.



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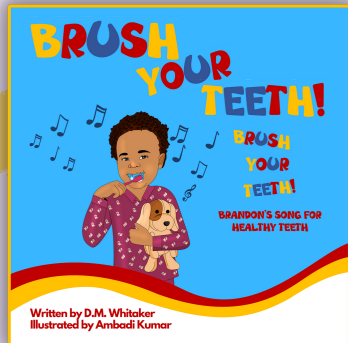


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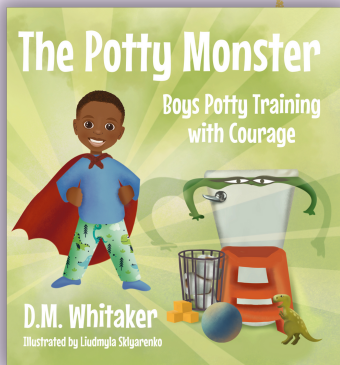


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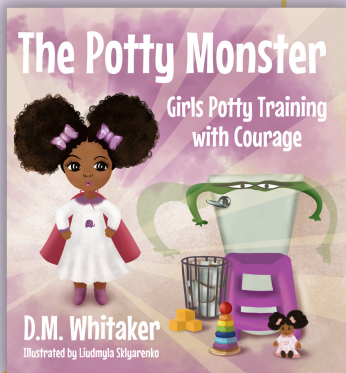
About the Daily Skills Books



Brushing your teeth can be a challenge for our little ones. Whether it is eating the toothpaste instead of brushing. Or maybe your dear child is just showing little interest in one of the most important activities to keep them healthy. Brush Your Teeth, Brush Your Teeth! Brush Your Teeth! makes brushing fun with Brandon in the morning and before bed, as he sings, dances and cheers with mommy and daddy. Grab your toothbrush. Let's brush!

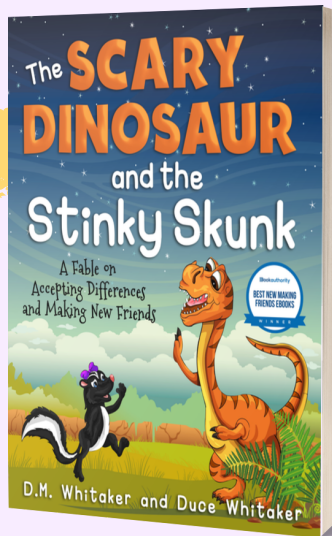


Looking for a book to encourage your son during their potty training journey? Want to empower him with affirmations that will help him along the way? If your son loves superheros and is up for conquering potty training, then this is the perfect book for him! Come learn to potty like a big boy with The Potty Monster!

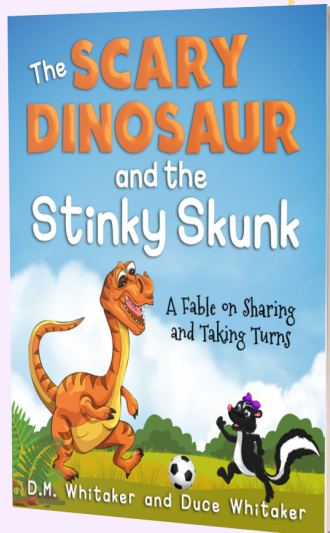


Looking for a book to encourage your daughter during their potty training journey? Want to empower her with affirmations that will help her along the way? If your daughter loves dolls and superheros and is up for conquering potty training, then this is the perfect book for her! Come learn to potty like a big girl with The Potty Monster!

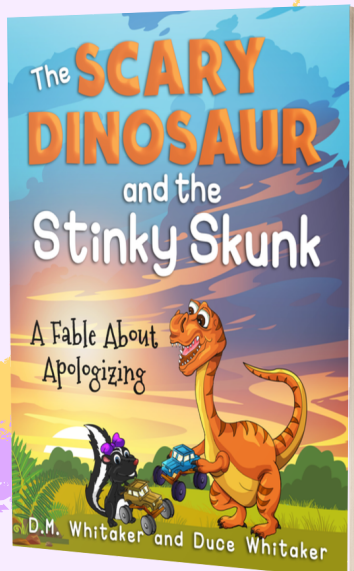
About the Social Skills Books



Looking for a book about how to make friends? Is making new friends, with someone that is different challenging or scary for your child? Accepting differences and seeking out new friendships are skills that all children can successfully learn. As parents, teachers, and caregivers, we want to teach children the importance of diversity, differences that make us unique, and the value of being a great friend.



Looking for a book to teach children how to share and take turns with others? Has your child ever had a toy that they loved so much that was hard for them to share? Even with their best friend? Sharing with others can be challenging even with friends. Join Scary Dinosaur and Stinky Skunk, as they make a new discovery in the woods, that will challenge them to problem-solve ways to share and take turns with each other. Discovering the power of teamwork and good sportsmanship!



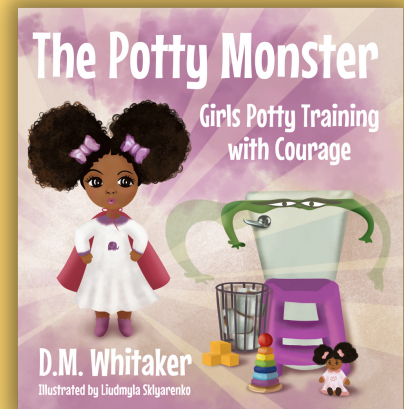
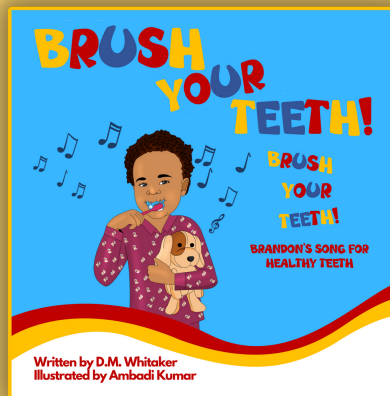
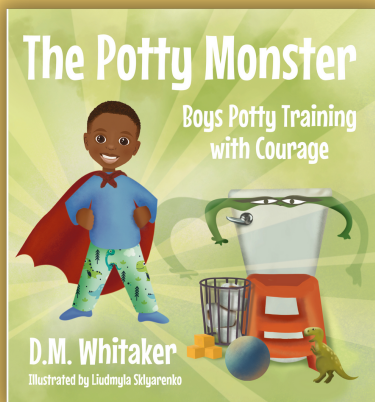
Looking for a book to teach children how to apologize, say sorry, and problem-solve with their friends, peers, and siblings? Has your child ever shared a new toy with their friend and their friend broke it? How did it make them feel? Or maybe they accidentally broke a friend's new toy... What did they do to make it right again?

Join Scary Dinosaur and Stinky Skunk on a new adventure, where they learn to apologize, rebuild bruised and broken friendships, and problem-solve to make things right. These are important lessons that will teach children to be great friends in the fun and tough times.

Why Skills?

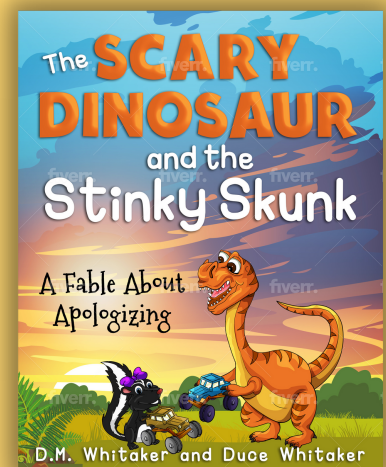
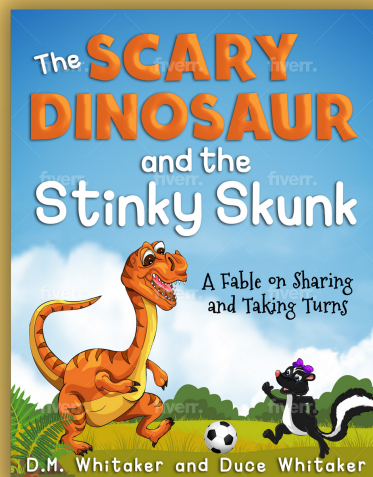
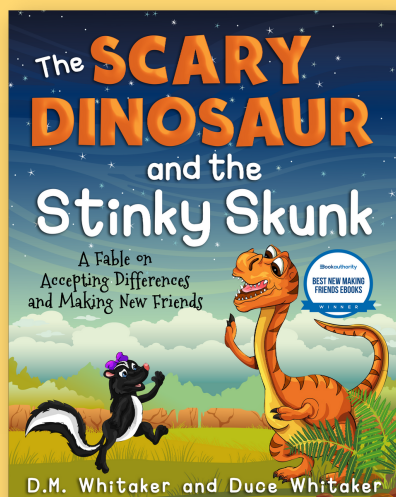
Daily Life Skills

Skills children learn to gain independence in their daily living. These skills are applied immediately to their lives and help to establish a quality of life.



Social Skills

Skills children use to communicate and interact with others. These skills promote better peer relationships and foster more kind and respectful environments.





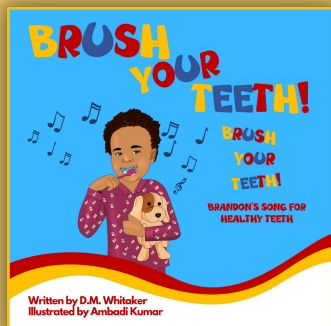
Author Visits

I would love to visit your school, day care center, library or other community event and share these fun stories with your children!

I provide your students with a rich and entertaining experience. I truly enjoy being able to educate and entertain students and help them grow in their relationships, as they learn fun and important functional and social skills.

What can you expect during an author visit:

- Engaging Question and Answer Session about being an author
- Read Aloud of my book
- I will talk about the importance of social skills and how students can use them at school, home and in their community.
- My presentation includes a PowerPoint slideshow in which I discuss my background, my journey as an author, the lessons my books teach and how I used the writing process to become a published author.
- A lesson plan provided for teachers to use post author visit for the Scary Dinosaur and Stinky Skunk Series
- Stickers or Bookmarks for Students
- Discount on Bulk Book Orders
- I will donate a signed copy of my book to your school library!





Author Visits

My desire is to work with you on aligning my presentation with your goals. Therefore, I am open to brainstorming with you on times, formats, length of presentations and specific topics. For further details or to inquire about my availability or my fees, please contact me.

What I Offer:

FULL-DAY VISITS:

1-30 minute presentation per grade level or 2-3 general assembly presentations with multiple grade levels plus lunch with students or staff. I require 10 minutes between presentations.

HALF-DAY VISITS:

2 general assembly presentations or classroom visits for a half day.

VIRTUAL VISITS:

- ~Special deal for classrooms and schools! 50% off virtual storytime/author presentation tailored to your class/kids!
- ~Virtual Q&A with the author- D.M. Whitaker
- ~Discounted books signed & personalized to your classroom/kids!
- ~Free downloadable worksheets and lesson plans!