



C.M. Harris

Children's Author & Disability Advocate



C.M. Harris is a dynamic children's author whose books inspire kindness, diversity, and acceptance. Her work, including *What If We Were All The Same!*, has been recognized by ABC7 News, San Francisco 49ers, and the BBC. She speaks at schools and events, sharing her passion for children's literacy. Through her empowering and mission-driven publishing company, Purple Diamond Press Inc, she continues to make a lasting impact on young readers.

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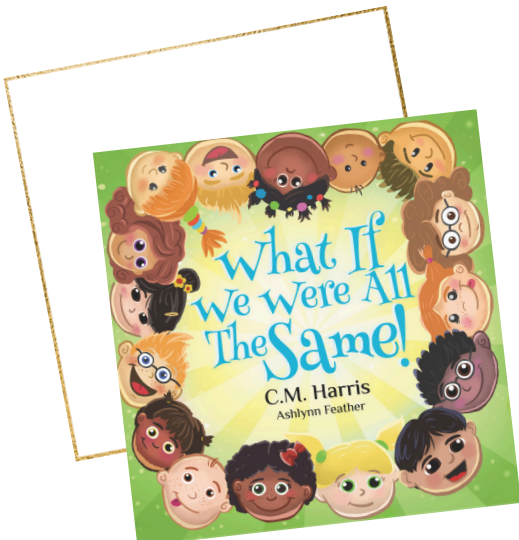
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My name is Charity M Harris, and I'm the founder of Purple Diamond Press, where we create children's books that inspire kindness, inclusivity, and diversity. I have always had a passion for storytelling, and I began my author journey to help children understand the value of embracing differences and being compassionate toward others.

My best-selling book, *What If We Were All The Same!*, has reached thousands of young readers and has been recognized by many. Over the years, I've published numerous titles, all focused on teaching important life lessons through fun and engaging stories. My experiences as a wheelchair user have further shaped my mission to write books that represent diverse characters and perspectives. I am proud to visit schools where I read to children and share the importance of kindness and friendship. In addition to writing, I love mentoring aspiring authors and helping them navigate the publishing process. With each new book, I aim to make a difference in the lives of children worldwide.

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Fueled by a passion for making a difference, I became a children's author to create stories that inspire kindness, diversity, and inclusion. After facing employment challenges due to disability bias, I decided to turn my experiences into an opportunity and create my own career. With over 15 years of experience working with children, I knew the power that stories hold in shaping young minds, and I wanted to provide books where every child could feel valued and understood. Writing has allowed me to connect with children and encourage them to embrace what makes them unique while fostering compassion for others.

As a businesswoman, my mission is to build a platform that brings meaningful, impactful children's literature into homes and classrooms. Through Purple Diamond Press, I am committed to creating books that uplift, educate, and inspire children to be leaders in their communities. My goal is to foster a world where every child feels seen, heard, and valued, regardless of their background or abilities. By working directly with schools, teachers, and community leaders, I aim to ensure that these positive stories reach as many young readers as possible, helping them develop into compassionate and confident individuals.

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Notable Mentions



I had the pleasure of sitting down with ABC7 LA news anchor Rachel Brown to discuss my bestselling children's book, *What If We Were All The Same!*, and its impact on promoting diversity and inclusion. In honor of Disability Employment Awareness Month, we also explored my personal journey of overcoming disability bias and creating my own career as a children's author. [Watch full interview here](#)

In January 2021, San Francisco 49ers Defensive End Arik Armstead read *What If We Were All The Same!* to a group of 1st graders, sharing its message of kindness and diversity. The team generously donated over 2,000 copies of the book to schools, making a lasting impact on young readers throughout the community.



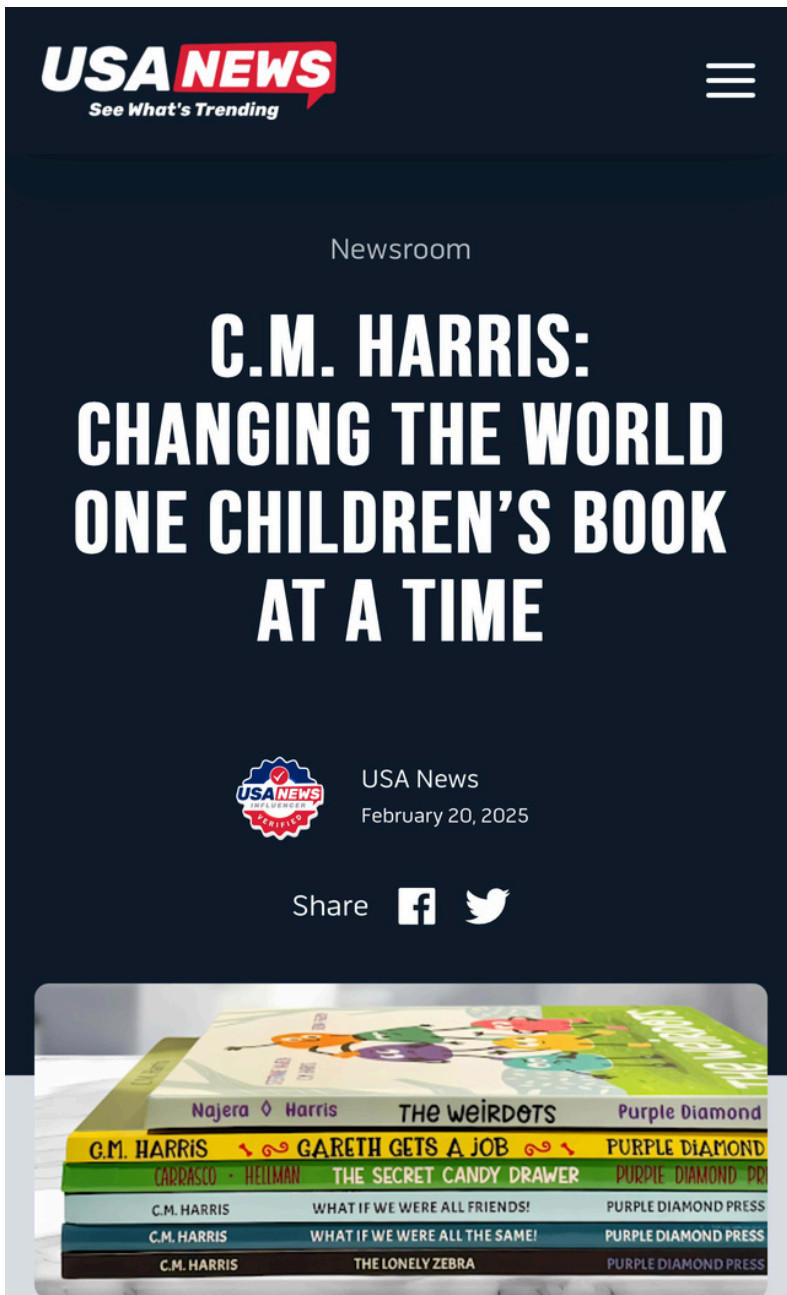
My bestselling children's book, *What If We Were All The Same!*, was featured on the BBC's CBeebies Lunchtime Story program, where it was read to young viewers across the UK. The story's message of embracing differences resonated with children, helping to promote kindness and inclusion on an international platform.

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**Book Award
Winner**





Purple Diamond Press, Inc., founded by author C.M. Harris, is contributing to the evolution of children's literature with a focus on diversity, inclusion, and social-emotional learning. The company publishes a range of books that promote kindness, perseverance, and empathy, aiming to ensure that children of all backgrounds see themselves represented in the stories they read.

Harris's entry into the world of publishing came after facing employment discrimination due to a disability. This experience led her to create books designed to empower and uplift young readers. Her debut book, *What If We Were All The Same!*, received widespread attention, gaining recognition from ABC7 News, the BBC, and the San Francisco 49ers, who purchased over 2,100 copies for donation to Oakland schools. This initiative highlighted the book's impact in educational settings.

In addition to her work in publishing, Harris founded Charity's Readers for Tomorrow, a literacy initiative focused on providing books to underserved schools. Through this program, Purple Diamond Press partners with educators to promote literacy and inclusivity.

Read more at: [USA News](#)

C.M. Harris and Purple Diamond Press Champion Diversity and Literacy in Children's Literature

Purple Diamond Press, founded by bestselling children's author C.M. Harris, announces its continued mission to promote diversity, social-emotional learning, and literacy through impactful storytelling. With a growing collection of books designed to inspire inclusion, resilience, and kindness, the company is making waves in the publishing industry while directly engaging with educators, parents, and young readers.

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I absolutely love visiting schools and connecting with students through my interactive readings and activities that make storytelling come alive. These visits ignite a passion for reading while teaching important lessons on kindness, diversity, and inclusion. Promoting literacy is essential because it empowers children to explore their imaginations, build confidence, and develop the skills they need to succeed in life. All of my school visits are impactful with two story readings, friendship presentation, service dog presentation, and student Q&A

It is also a pleasure to visit libraries, festivals, and bookstores to read my books to families and children.

“What a wonderful book for children. The illustrations are wonderful and relate perfectly with the inclusiveness of all skin colors and if a child can walk or have a need for a wheelchair or other device. Those are huge points that all kids need to grasp. So much so that I wrote a kids' book on the same ideals...”

God's Gifts To Us”

“Being unique is celebrated throughout this amazing book. This is a deep message for all ages. I highly recommend this book.”

What If We Were All The Same!”

“Great book addressing a unique topic! My daughter asks for this book to be read to her on a regular basis. It offers a chance for children to build perspective and to challenge stereotypes/ negative thinking that sometimes surround our differences.”

Just Because...”

“As an assistant principal, I read this book to a class of kindergarten students. They responded so well to the beautiful pictures & messages. They could understand what the meaning and theme of the book was and they loved how it rhymed and had fun comparisons to animals...”

What If We Were All The Same!”

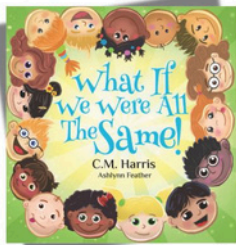
“An interesting children's picture book. Educates children about using money. The illustrations are lovely, colourful and bright too. It's a thumbs up from me.”

A Penny In My Pocket”

“Out of all the great qualities of this book one of them stood out to me the most, the reading and tracing practices. Not only does it have the amazing coloring aspect, but it really increases practice time and getting familiar with letters for children!”

My Affirmations Workbook”

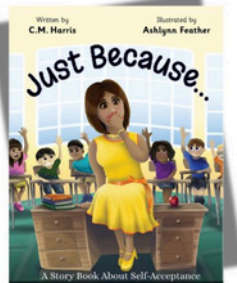




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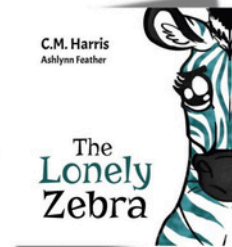
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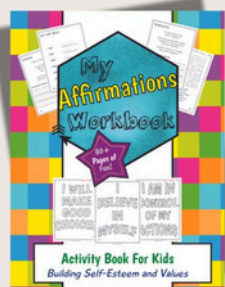


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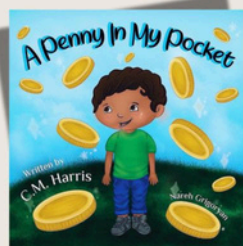
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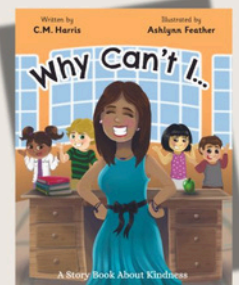
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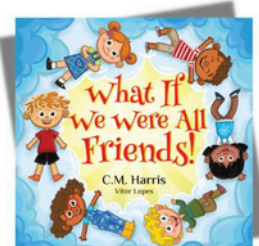
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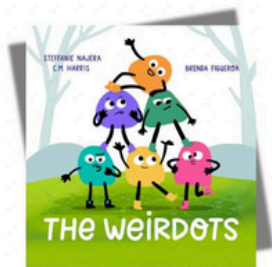
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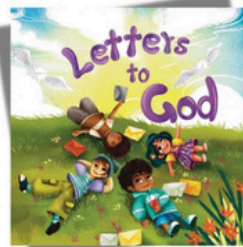
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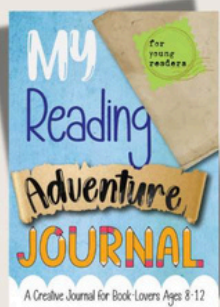
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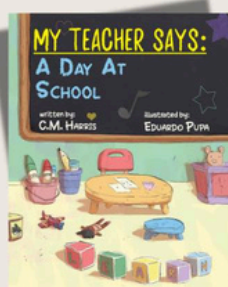
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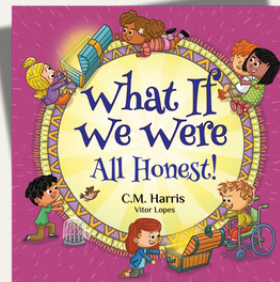
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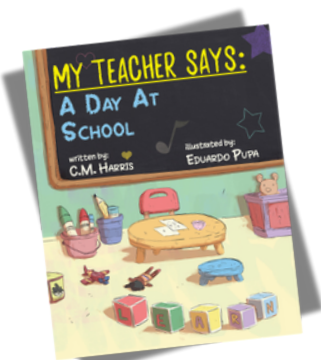
Forthcoming Series

What If We Were Series

The What If We Were All Series is a delightful collection of children's rhyming picture books that explores themes of diversity, friendship, kindness, generosity, sympathy, acceptance, compassion and more



5 books in the upcoming series



My Teacher Says Series

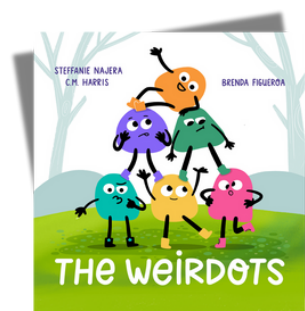
The My Teacher Says series teaches important life lessons through playful rhymes and engaging illustrations, focusing on values like kindness, perseverance, and empathy. Books like Kindness Is Cool and So Is School, We All Make Mistakes, and Caring Is Sharing encourage positive behavior and help children develop essential social and emotional skills in a fun, relatable way.

3 books in the upcoming series

You Matter Series

The You Matter series, including Seen, Heard, and Loved, celebrates the power of inclusion, empathy, and kindness by showing children how important it is to feel valued and understood. Each book in the series highlights meaningful moments of connection, reminding readers that their unique voices and experiences truly matter.

3 books in the upcoming series

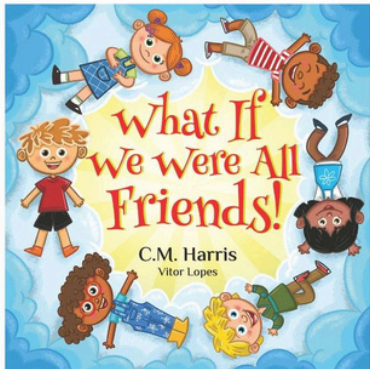


The Weirdots Series

The Weirdots is a cheerful and imaginative children's story centered around a group of unique, colorful characters called the Weirdots. Each character embodies different traits and quirks, emphasizing the beauty of diversity and the importance of friendship. Co-authored with Steffanie Najera

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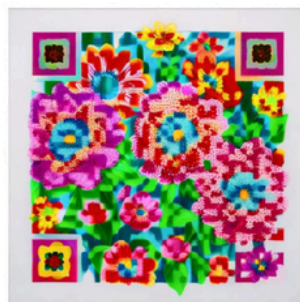
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