

# Inspiring Children



## Nadine Johnson

### Author and Speaker

I was born on the island of Jamaica, but I currently reside in South Carolina. My love for writing began many years ago during college. However, it wasn't until the birth of my son that I started writing for children. It was difficult for me to find inspiring books that featured African American boys, so I decided to create stories for my son and other children his age. I wanted to create books that were fun to read but also promote conversation between parent/teacher and child.

My company, 123 Mango Tree LLC, promotes literacy through reading, music, and art. I love creating products that empower and motivate children to learn and read. My goal is to encourage all parents to start reading to their children as soon as they enter the world, and to make reading a part of their daily routine. This is essential because sharing books with children at an early age helps them to develop language skills, begin enjoying books, and starts them on a path to reading for themselves.

I've spent the last several years promoting literacy by visiting local schools and giving books to children. I hope to write many books that engage children and build their love for reading at an early age. I'm also available for workshops on early literacy and self-publishing.

#### Workshop/Presentations in South Carolina

Literary Workshop, Charleston Area Schools (2018-2019)  
Self-Publishing 101, North Charleston Cultural Arts (2017)  
Entrepreneurship, John L. Dart Public Library (2016)

#### Author Visits

Hunley Park Elementary School, Charleston, SC (2019)  
Colleton County Memorial Library, South Carolina (2017)  
Dorchester County Public Library, South Carolina (2017)  
Peppermill Elementary School, South Carolina (2016)

#### Publications

*The Big Belly Bird Band*  
*LOVE*  
*Bing vs. the J-Crew*  
*I Am*  
*I Love*  
*Last Night I Dreamt* Children's Book Series:  
*Last Night I Dreamt I Was a Doctor*  
*Last Night I Dreamt I Was a Teacher*  
*Last Night I Dreamt I Was a Musician*

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