

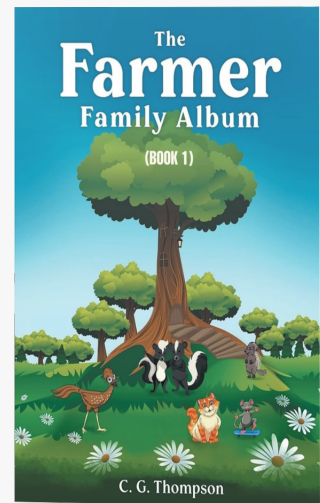
# FIVE CHILDREN'S BOOKS INSPIRE COURAGE, CREATIVITY, AND CURIOSITY IN YOUNG READERS

*Three independent authors share stories that ignite imagination and teach valuable life lessons for the next generation of dreamers.*

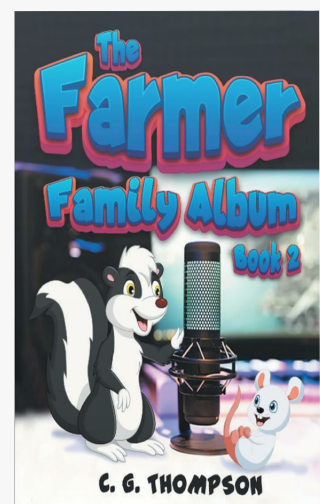
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, January 10, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Five tales have lit up the Spotlight Shelf at Maple Staple Bookstore, each a treasure chest of wisdom and whimsy. These works do more than entertain—they offer young readers valuable lessons on growing into compassionate, courageous, and curious adults.

Beloved author and former radio show host C.G. Thompson shares his three-book series, "The Farmer Family Album," which brings to life the whimsical world of Donkey Dan, Tremor, and a colorful cast of cartoon animal characters. Inspired by Thompson's popular radio program The Donkey Dan Show, the series seamlessly blends fiction and nonfiction in an engaging mix of science, fantasy, humor, and heartfelt family moments.

C.G. Thompson and his wife, Donna, co-hosted The Donkey Dan Show, where they made science engaging and



The Farmer Family Album: (Book 1)



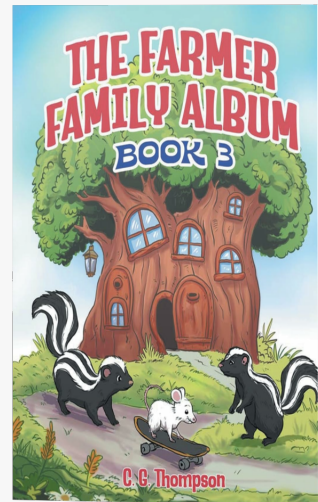
The Farmer Family Album: (Book 2)

entertaining for their audience. When the radio station changed ownership in the 1990s, they decided to preserve their stories in The Farmer Family Album series, which includes “The Farmer Family Album: Book 1,” “The Farmer Family Album: Book 2,” and “The Farmer Family Album: Book 3”. This charming collection draws inspiration from real events in the Thompsons’ lives and the natural beauty of Arizona. Twenty of the stories originally aired during the show’s four-year run on Prescott Valley’s K.L.K.Y. radio station in the 1980s, while others were reimagined from Thompson’s personal archives. Featuring a mixed family of cartoon animals with personalities inspired by Thompson’s family, friends, and pets, the stories are set in a whimsical house modeled after the Thompsons’ own Prescott Valley home.

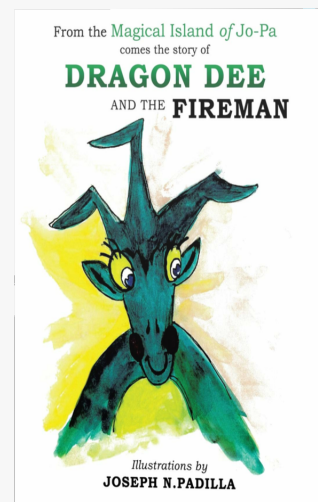
Born in 1945 on a poultry ranch near Amarillo, Texas, C.G. Thompson developed a passion for nature during his fifth-grade science class with Miss White, a love that deepened after moving to Phoenix, Arizona, where he explored the unique wildlife of the Southwest. Thompson continues to study and share his fascination with the natural world, channeling a lifetime of exploration, education, and storytelling into his work, which reflects his experiences as a radio host and his enduring connection to the creatures he has encountered.

Beloved storyteller and illustrator Joseph N. Padilla invites young readers to journey to the enchanting Island of Jo-Pa in his enchanting children’s book, “From the Magical Island of Jo-Pa Comes the Story of Dragon Dee and the Fireman.” This delightful tale of bravery and self-discovery is bound to captivate children and parents alike.

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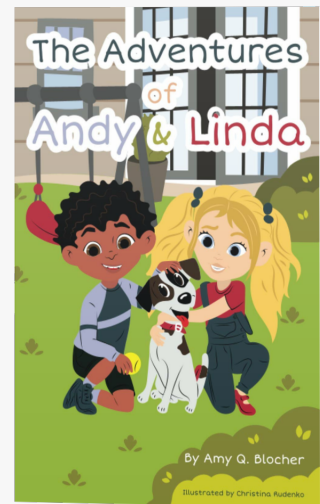


The Farmer Family Album: (Book 3)



From the Magical Island of Jo-Pa comes the story of Dragon Dee and the Fireman

Dragon Dee, a charming green dragon who longs to lead a healthy life by earning his own way. His search for purpose leads him to an unexpected role as a fireman, where he learns the importance of courage, perseverance, and helping others. When a school fire endangers the lives of children, Dragon Dee must rise to the challenge and uncover hidden strengths he never knew he had. Filled with heartwarming moments and vivid illustrations by Joseph N. Padilla, this enchanting tale blends adventure with valuable life lessons, inspiring young readers to believe in their own abilities and the power of doing good.



The Adventures of Andy & Linda

Joseph N. Padilla is a dedicated storyteller and illustrator who lives in the greater San Francisco Bay Area, where he has spent most of his life. A Korean War veteran, Padilla returned home to build a family with his late wife and their three children. His love for storytelling and illustration now comes to life in this magical adventure for children, inspired by his own journey of resilience and creativity.

Amy Q. Blocher, an accomplished educator and author, releases her children's book, "The Adventures of Andy & Linda". This captivating book takes young readers on a joyful ride through the imaginative world of Andy and Linda, two best friends and next-door neighbors who discover valuable life lessons through everyday adventures.

Aimed for children in early elementary grades, "The Adventures of Andy & Linda" features three engaging new stories that celebrate creativity and problem-solving. From building a thrilling obstacle course to exploring the mysteries of space and rescuing a lost dog, each adventure captivates young minds while sparking meaningful conversations between parents and children. The book explores universal childhood themes, such as conquering fears, embracing the joy of learning, and understanding the value of responsibility.

Amy Q. Blocher brings a lifetime of experience in education and storytelling to her work. Born in Miami, Florida, Blocher enjoyed a 37-year career teaching English and reading to middle and high school students, earning her master's in education from the University of Louisville. An advocate for teaching important historical lessons, she previously authored "Holocaust's Child," a compelling work that shared survivor stories from one of history's darkest periods.

Whether it's laughter, courage, or a spark of curiosity, these five books offer something special to

every reader who dares to turn the page. They stand as a testament to the authors' passion for nurturing minds and shaping hearts through the power of words. Discover even more captivating titles at [Digital Bookstore - The Maple Staple](#).

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