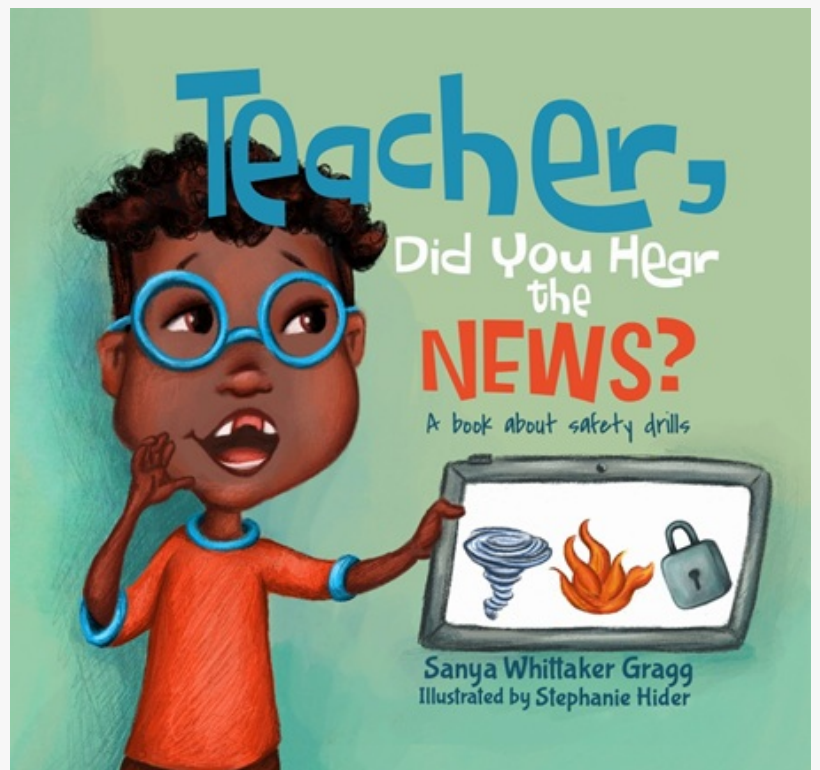


Former School Social Worker Offers Insightful New Kids' Book on Safety Drills

ATLANTA, GA, UNITED STATES, July 31, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- What do you get when you mix a school social worker's heart, a catchy chant "[D to the R to the I - L - L](#)" and a curious first grader? You get - the latest children's book, "Teacher, Did You Hear the News?" from educator-turned-author [Sanya Whittaker Gragg](#) that's putting a fearless spin on school safety drills!

Inspired by her real-life experiences in the classroom, Gragg introduces readers to Phillip, a lively and lovable first grader who's head-over-heels for school — until it's time for those mysterious safety drills. Fire drills, tornado drills, lockdown drills — they all leave Phillip feeling puzzled and a little on edge. But thanks to his super-cool teacher and a toe-tapping chant, Phillip and his classmates learn that drills aren't meant to scare — they just help us stay prepared!



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“D to the R to the I - L - L,
I know it's just a DRILL,
But we MUST do it WELL!”

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Gragg's mission? To help kids feel brave, prepared, and confident — not fearful — during safety procedures. “I saw firsthand how students reacted to drills,” she says. “This

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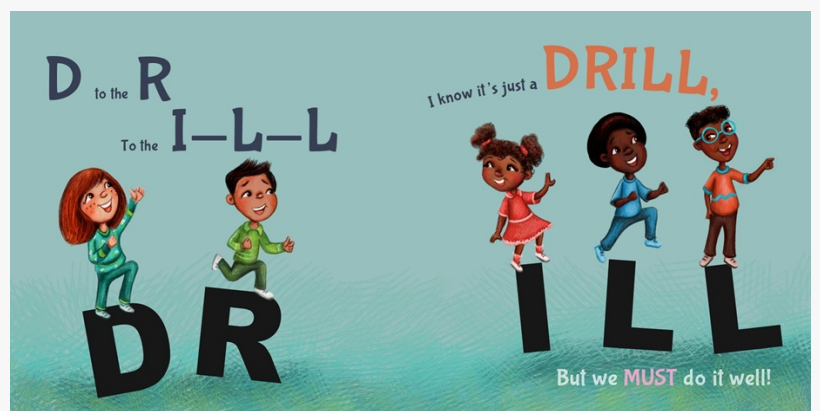
With bold illustrations, rhythmic rhymes, and an empowering message, "Teacher, Did You Hear the News?" is perfect for classrooms, bedtime, or any moment when kids need a little courage boost. This most recent penning by Gragg is currently #1 on [Amazon Kindle New Releases](https://www.amazon.com/kindle/new-releases?pf_rd_p=835527758) for Children's books on Safety.

About: Sanya Whittaker Gragg is the founder of SWG Creates, LLC, a storytelling company that crafts children's books to help families tackle tough topics — one beautiful page at a time. As a seasoned author, she has written five picture books with more on the horizon.

□ "Teacher, Did You Hear the News?" is available now at www.sanyagragg.com and online booksellers such as Amazon.com

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