

# Award-Winning Author Marin Launches Virtual Book Tour for 'Al's Journey' with \$270 Cash Prize Giveaway

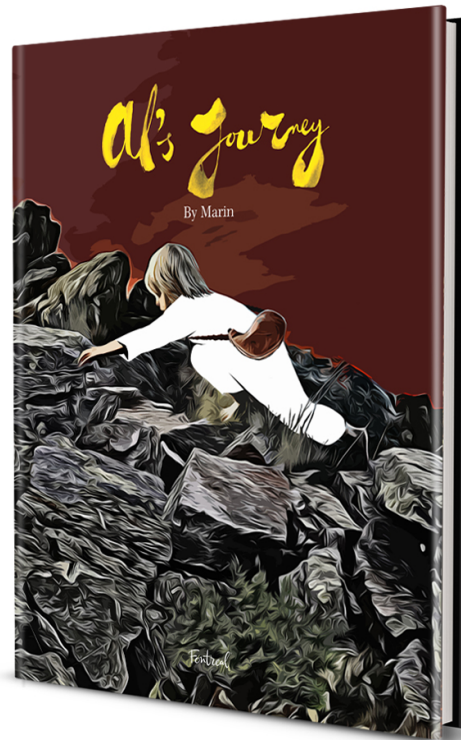
*Magical tale of overnight transformation offers children gentle lessons on growing up, identity, and emotional awareness*

BROOMFIELD, CO, UNITED STATES, September 1, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Literary Titan Book Award recipient Marin announces the virtual book tour launch for his latest children's book, 'Al's Journey,' a captivating story about a young boy who grows up overnight while climbing a mystical mountain to become his tribe's healer.

The 32-page illustrated book, suitable for ages 5-9, follows orphan Al as he embarks on a transformative journey guided by mystical fireflies to reach a sacred mountaintop hut. There, he asks life's deepest questions and discovers what it truly means to grow up. Published by Fontreal in 2025, the book explores themes of courage, identity, and emotional self-awareness through dreamlike illustrations and meaningful storytelling.

## Virtual Book Tour and Major Giveaway Launch

The "Al's Journey" Awareness Tour runs throughout September 2025, featuring stops at prominent book review sites including The Children's Book Review, The Starlit Path, Q&As with Deborah Kalb, and eight additional literary platforms. Each tour stop features book reviews, author interviews, and guest



Al's Journey Book Cover



Illustration from Al's Journey by Marin



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posts about this transformative children's story.

To celebrate the tour launch, Marin is hosting a major giveaway with \$270 in total cash prizes. All participants receive free downloads of a Marin e-book and audiobook, while three winners will receive additional cash prizes: \$200 (grand prize), \$50 (second place), and \$20 (third place), plus audiobook copies of "Al's Journey."

About the Multi-Award-Winning Author

Marin, based on the Atlantic East Coast, writes, illustrates, designs, and publishes his own picture books, sometimes creating custom fonts to make each work a complete piece of art. His "nutrient-dense" stories are designed as "food-for-thought" for balanced brain development.

The acclaimed author has received multiple prestigious honors:

- Literary Titan Book Award
- Wishing Shelf Book Award
- Creative Child Magazine 2025 Picture Book of the Year
- 2024 American Book Fest finalist recognition

"Marin Darmonkow is an exceptional author who has been making waves in the literary world with his unforgettable writing skills... his stories are captivating, thought-provoking, and profoundly moving," notes Midwest Book Review.

The Story: "The Night Everything Changed"

Al's Journey invites young readers into a magical story exploring the mystery and beauty of growing up, emotional self-awareness, and gentle lessons in identity, transformation, and empathy. The book poses the profound question: "What if you woke up tomorrow... a different person?"

Set within a gold-obsessed tribe that has forgotten basic needs while searching for treasure, the story centers on Al and his wise grandfather, the tribal shaman. On the shaman's 100th birthday, Al must undertake his life journey alone, climbing the mountain to reach the sacred hut where he can ask profound questions about life's true meaning.

Through trials that test his courage and heart, Al experiences a transformation that prepares him to become the healer his tribe desperately needs—all in a single night's journey.

Perfect for Parents and Educators

This gentle parable offers meaningful bedtime reading that sparks conversation, age-appropriate exploration of growing up and change, emotional intelligence development for young readers, beautiful illustrations that enhance the storytelling experience, and themes that resonate with both children and adults.

### Availability and How to Enter

Al's Journey is available in multiple formats through Amazon and major retailers:

- Hardcover: ISBN 978-1-989661-45-1
- Paperback: ISBN 978-1-989661-46-8
- eBook: ISBN 978-1-989661-47-5
- Audiobook: ISBN 978-1-989661-48-2

The virtual book tour giveaway is open to all participants. Enter at:

<https://www.thechildrensbookreview.com/als-journey-by-marin-awareness-tour/>

### Media Contact

For interview requests, review copies, or additional information about Marin and "Al's Journey," contact via <https://fontreal.com/contact/>.

Note to editors: [High-resolution book cover images](#) and author photos are available.

### About Fontreal Publishing

Fontreal publishes transformative children's literature designed to inspire young readers through meaningful storytelling and artistic illustration. Learn more at [fontreal.com](https://fontreal.com).

### About The Children's Book Review

The Children's Book Review is a leading resource for parents, teachers, and librarians seeking quality children's literature. Founded to promote literacy and celebrate exceptional children's books, the organization provides reviews, author interviews, and educational resources to help connect young readers with meaningful stories. Learn more at [thechildrensbookreview.com](https://thechildrensbookreview.com).

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