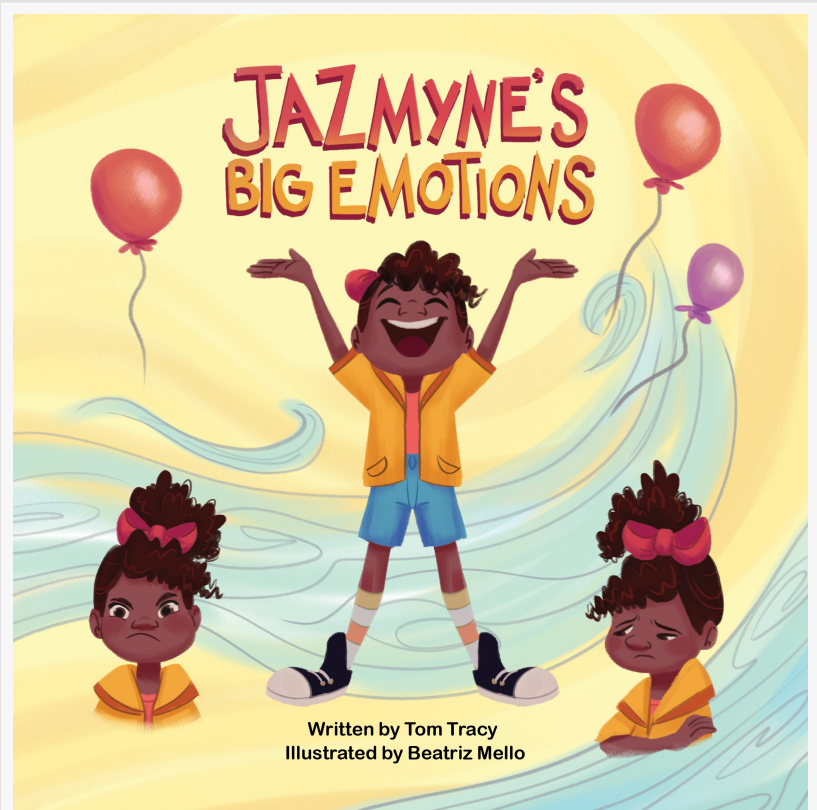


Tom Tracy Books and 3DuxDesign Collaborate to Launch Exclusive 'Vibe Village Book-n-Build' Kit

A Hands-on STEM Activity Pack Supporting Emotional Resilience and Social Support Development for Elementary Age Learners

PHILADELPHIA, PA, UNITED STATES, September 2, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Tom Tracy Books](#), an independent children's publishing brand specializing in emotional enrichment books and resources, today announced the launch of the "[Vibe Village](#) Book-n-Build" Kit, a new hands-on STEM activity kit designed to strengthen emotional resilience. The kit has been co-developed with [3DuxDesign](#), a nationally recognized STEM education company. Designed for children ages 6–12, the kit provides educators, counselors, youth program leaders, and parents with a hands-on learning experience that builds coping skills through social support awareness.



Book Cover the Storybook Included in the Vibe Village Kit - Jazmyne's Big Emotions

The Vibe Village Book-n-Build Kit integrates three core components:

- "Jazmyne's Big Emotions", an emotional awareness and coping skills-aligned children's book authored by Tom Tracy;
- A custom 3DuxDesign cardboard construction STEM building kit;
- A guided emotional literacy lesson plan appropriate for educators or parents that supports reflection, reinforcement of coping strategies, and social support mapping.

This STEM-based learning experience helps build resilience by allowing students to construct a physical model of their personal support system—their "Vibe Village"—while engaging in

open-ended design, problem-solving, and emotional exploration. The kit can be used by all children and is particularly effective for those who may struggle with verbal expression, offering a tactile, creative, and developmentally appropriate pathway for processing feelings.

The product was co-developed by Tom Tracy, a licensed clinical social worker and founder of Tom Tracy Books, and Dr. Marci Klein, a pediatrician and president of 3DuxDesign. Their collaboration merges their combined clinical expertise in childhood development with open-ended architectural STEM design, resulting in a developmentally appropriate tool that supports both cognitive and social-emotional growth while giving children opportunities to experience success.



Quotes From the Partners

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Dr. Marci Klein, Pediatrician & Co-Founder of 3DuxDesign

“Emotional resilience is known to be one of the most important protective factors against emotional distress. Tools that can help to build emotional resilience should be engaging and developmentally meaningful,” said Tom Tracy, founder of Tom Tracy Books. “The Vibe Village Book-n-Build Kit is fun! It also provides children with a concrete way to visualize their support network and understand how to access help when they need it. In using a hands-on building kit, we’re offering a resource that fits naturally into classrooms, counseling sessions, youth program environments, as well as at home.”

“As a pediatrician, I understand how important it is for children to develop confidence, resilience, and a strong

support system,” said Dr. Marci Klein, pediatrician and co-founder of 3DuxDesign. “Our STEM kits have always encouraged creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration. Partnering with Tom Tracy Books allowed us to build on that mission by creating an experience that helps children recognize how members of their community can help them in different ways. Through hands-on

building and reflection, children strengthen their sense of community while developing their own toolkit—or roadmap—for navigating challenges with greater confidence and knowing where they can turn for help.”

Instructional Applications

The Vibe Village Book-n-Build Kit can be seamlessly integrated into a wide range of educational and youth development settings, including:

- SEL curriculum blocks
- School counseling sessions
- Small group interventions
- After school and enrichment programs
- Youth organization workshops
- Therapeutic or clinical sessions with children
- At home projects

Optional Facilitated Workshops

Schools and youth organizations in the PA/DE/NJ tri-state area may request professionally facilitated Vibe Village Book-n-Build workshops led by Tom Tracy, LCSW. Workshops include storytime, guided social-emotional discussion, and a facilitated collaborative building activity using the 3DuxDesign kits.

Availability

Vibe Village Book-n-Build Kits are available exclusively through Tom Tracy Books at:

www.tomtracybooks.com/vibe-village

About Tom Tracy Books

Tom Tracy Books is an independent publisher of children’s books that support and encourage emotional growth, and those that advance the representation of diverse families, especially LGBTQ+ families. Interactive resources and workbooks that help children and their families further explore coping-skill development, resilience, and deeper family communication are produced through the subsidiary brand, Whatever Workbooks. Founded by licensed clinical social worker and children’s author Tom Tracy, the brand is committed to advancing emotional wellness through authentic storytelling and hands-on learning.

About 3DuxDesign

3DuxDesign is a family owned educational design company offering open ended architectural building kits used in classrooms, homes, and youth programs worldwide. Co-founded by a



An example from 3DuxDesign's Emotion Tracker Pal project

pediatrician and an architect, 3DuxDesign integrates STEM learning with creativity, problem solving, and child centered exploration.

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