

Empowering writers one story at a time.



FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings All,

Reviewing the past year with the Brevard Authors Society, I can say that it was successful considering the grinding changes and adjustments we made.

Our biggest accomplishments were:

The successful registration as a non profit organization in the state of Florida. This giant and time consuming task must be credited to our President, Cindy Foley, who spent months breaking through bureaucracy and their slow cooking computers to get us, Brevard Authors Society, finally registered and recognized as a Not-for-Profit corporation.

Our next accomplishment was the Best-Selling Authors Forum with local Florida authors: James O. Born, Rachel Hauck, Michael Wiley, Thomas Cavanagh, and Nancy Cohen.

We gratefully thank and congratulate Events Coordinator Olive Pollak for bringing together countless events which included organizing and putting together a very successful and popular Book Festival held at Addison Village, a vibrant community of over 1,000 homes and growing. We welcome Addison Village as one of our business partners.

The BAS Board jointly created the Fundamental Writing Course presented in nine weekly lectures to the Addison Village writers. Each instructor delivered one aspect of the fundamental and essential elements of writing: Plotting, Characters, Point of View, Language, Short Stories, Poetry, Dialogue, and Details. Instructors were myself, James R. Nelson, Rick Maule, Cindy Foley, Stephanie Passero, Barbara Wagner, Annie Lou Pirie with Rachel Hauck presenting the final session with a talk on *The Basic Story Equation*.

We met with the Addison Village LifeStyle Director, Barbara Ketchum, who agreed to help us organize and conduct a **Children's Book Festival on Saturday, June 7th, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Village Club**. Mrs. Ketchum extended an invitation to the BAS for partnership and cooperation in the creation of future art events.

We recently completed the first-in-Brevard **Children's Book Contest**, presenting Rocky's Award plaques to all finalists.

Our newest business partner is **Moon River Cafe** owned by Kate Broderick and her parents who express a desire for the cafe to become a center of literary and artistic culture in and around Melbourne. Miss Broderick's vision and European style offers various sections, such as the coffee shop, the meeting area, the writers' corner, and the artist stage.

In coordination with Moon River Cafe, BAS is planning monthly featured authors, poetry and children's book readings, critique group meetings, and other writing and artistic events.

We said goodbye to our dear friend and BAS Secretary Margaret Livermore.

We welcomed both Gina DiDesidero and Dr. Sandy Roberts to our board.

Gina, Vice President, helped to create and manages our new website - www.brevardauthorsociety.org

Sandy captures the details and essence of our meetings as our new Secretary.

James R. Nelson, Treasurer, manages our financial affairs status, meticulously logging the data, preparing monthly reports, and unscrambling the myriad of details thrown at him.

I am grateful to all the Brevard Authors Society board members for helping to advance my vision which began in 2010 and to all the authors who have and will continue to contribute to a very talented and ever-growing writing community.

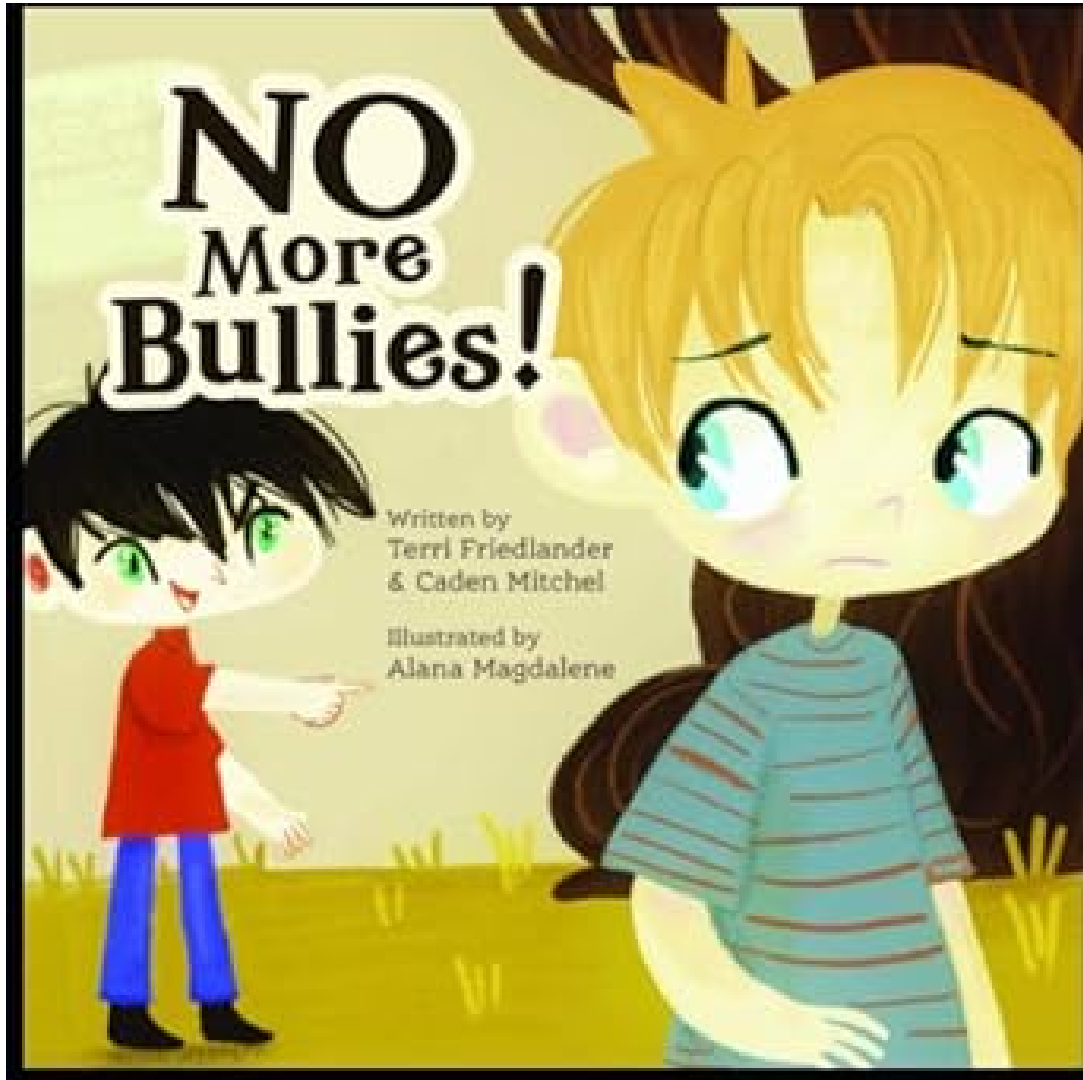
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Gene Luke Vlahovic, Founder

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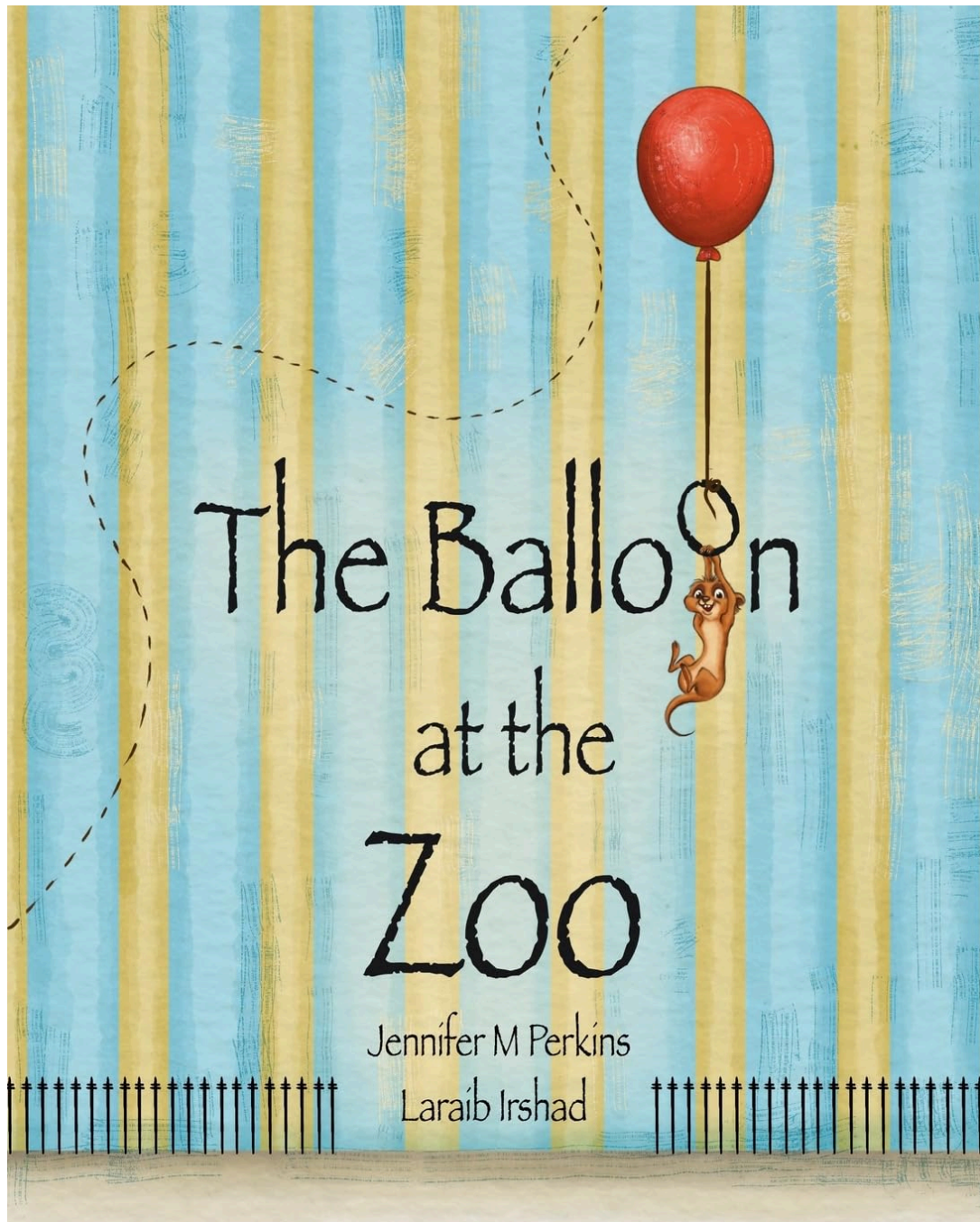
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ROCKY'S AWARD
CHILDREN'S BOOK CONTEST



Picture Books
1st Place

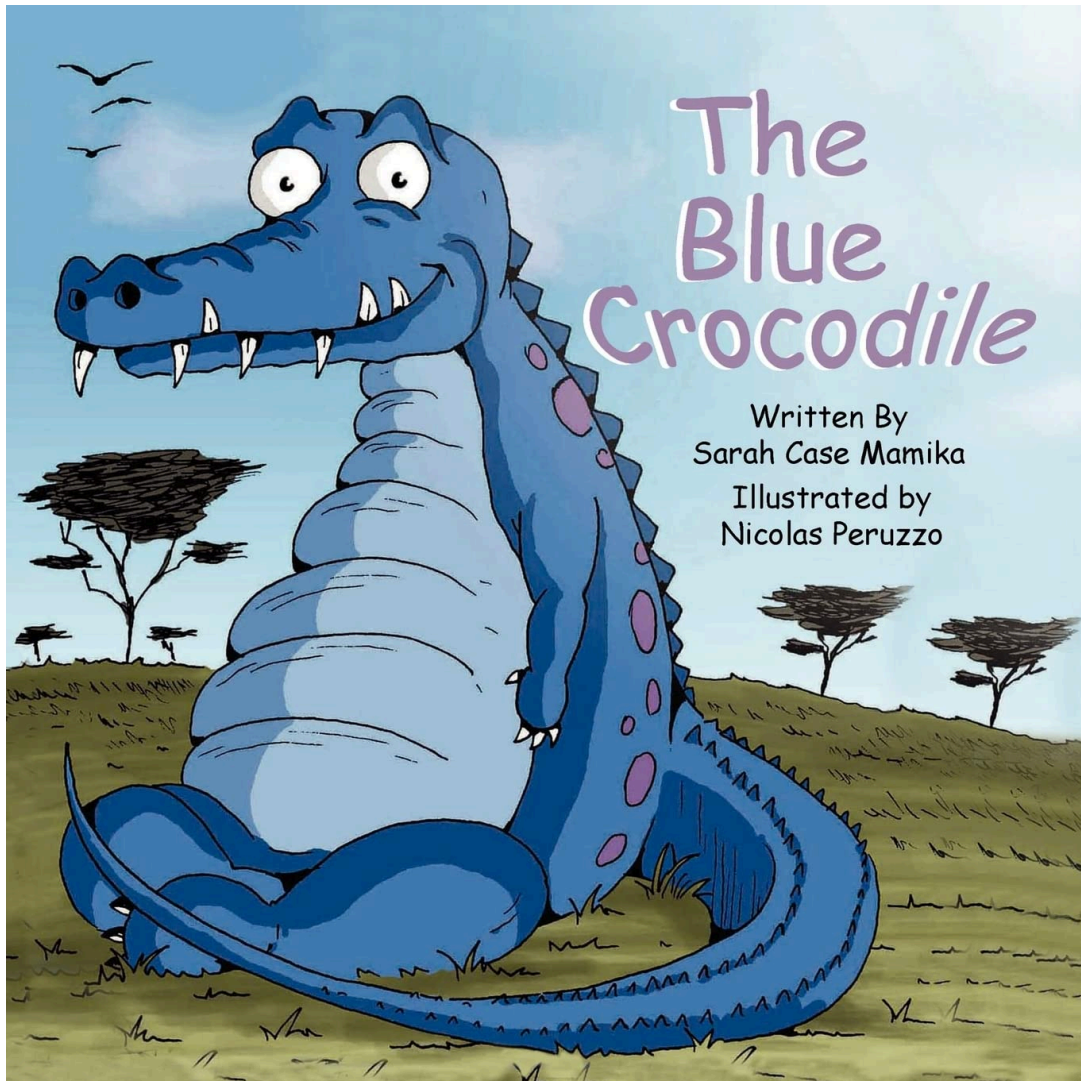
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2nd Place
Picture Books
1st Place

Jennifer
Perkins

Illustrations



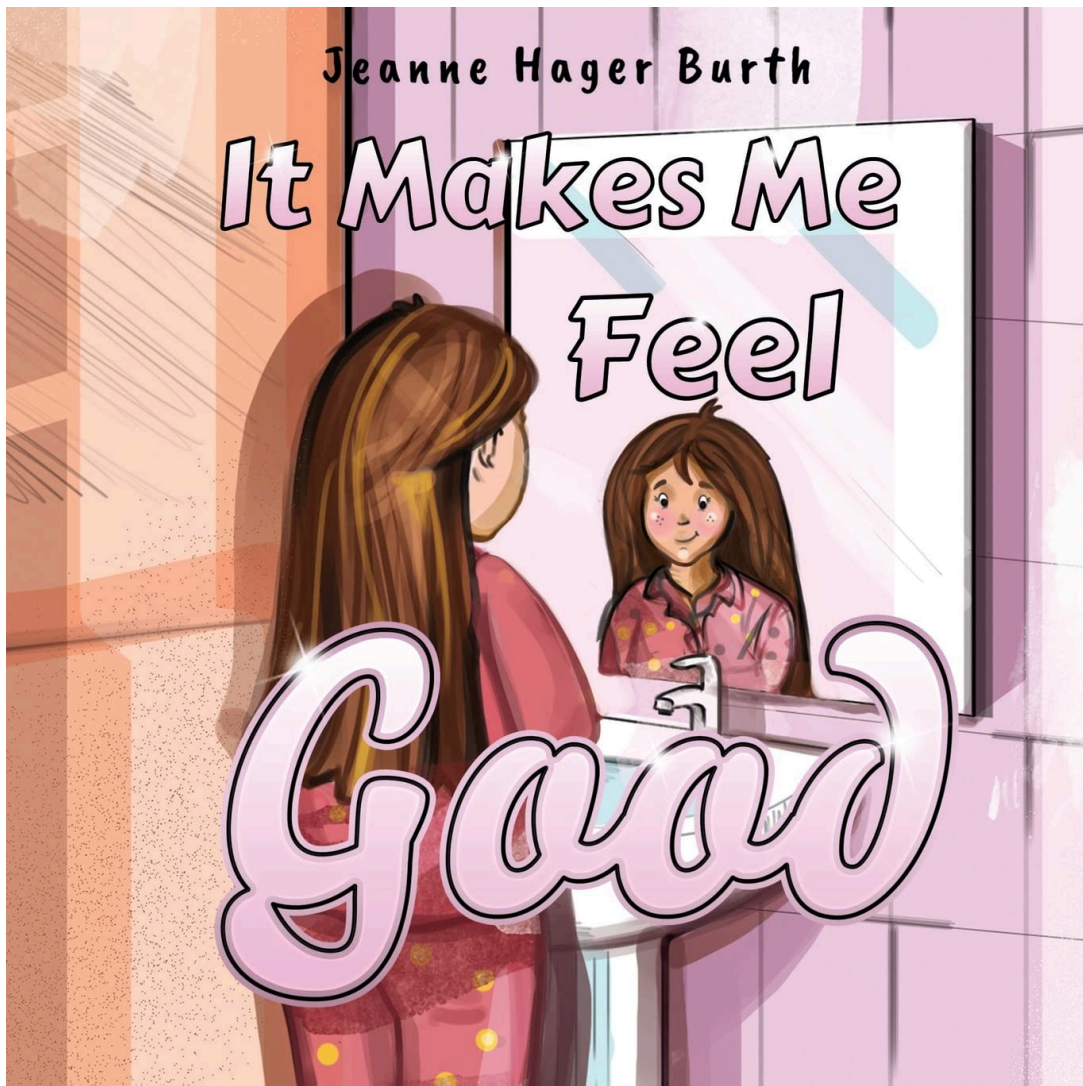
3rd Place
Picture Books

Sarah Case
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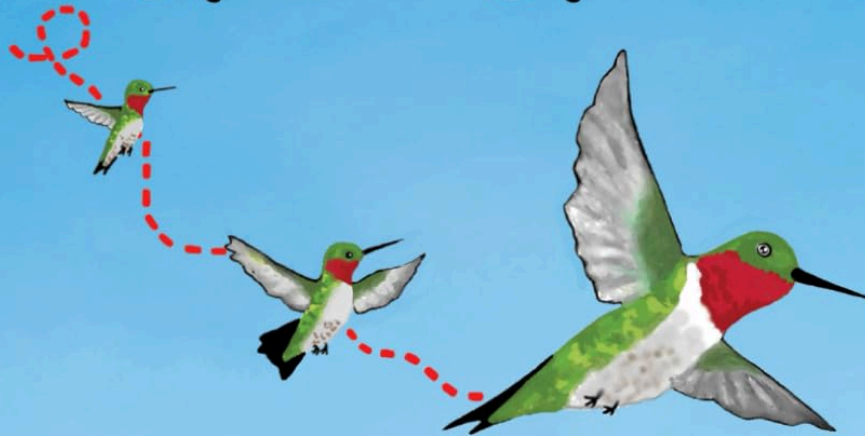
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Honorable
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Jeanne Hager
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LITTLE GEORGE'S



AMAZING ADVENTURES

Written by BILLIE JEAN GLENN

Edited by SUE MacDONALD

Illustrations by SUNNY ELKINS

1st Place
Chapter Books

Billie Jean
Glenn



2nd Place
Chapter Books

Rita McCarthy

We thank Gene and Donna Vlahovic
for sponsoring our contest with their
generous donation.

All proceeds from submissions were donated to

[SavetheChildren.org](https://www.savethechildren.org).

We have been supporting children for over 100 years and we won't stop now.

Save the Children saves lives and is cost effective. [85% of every dollar](#) donated goes straight to our mission.

- Around the world, we provide newborn health services, malnutrition screening and treatment, and help prevent disease.
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With your support, we can continue our work to keep children in the [U.S.](#) and [around the world](#) healthy, educated and safe.

Brevard County Authors Society brevardauthorsociety.org works closely with several organizations welcoming a place for authors to share their work, gain valuable feedback, and inspire one another: including but not limited to...

Authors for Authors - www.AuthorsforAuthors.com - **16th Annual Writer's Conference, Write Publish Sell - April 6, 2025, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, contact VAllenWriter@gmail.com, Melbourne Rialto Hilton - you can register in person on site tomorrow**

Florida Star Fiction Writers - www.floridastarwriters.com - **Super Saturday!** All day writers workshop, Holiday Inn, Melbourne-Viera, April 12

Space Coast Writers Guild - www.scwg.org - Annual Meeting April 19th, Eau Gallie Library 12-2 PM, **Also speaker Ginny Myers Sain, traditionally published YA writer presents *A Peek Behind the Pages: The Truth About How Traditional Publishing Works (and Doesn't!)*. AND Short Story Contest Open for Submissions**

Scribblers of Brevard - <https://brevardscribblers.com> Meets every second Saturday in the [Eau Gallie Public Library](#) from 10:00 to noon.

Florida Writer's Association - <https://www.floridawriters.org>

and so many more

If you are a published author and would like to be featured on our Authors gallery page, please send a small headshot, a brief bio up to 75 words, and one book cover that you would like to display - to brevardauthorsociety.1@gmail.com.

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—*Ray Bradbury*

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