



Hello My Friends,

Join me, and Bessie the Cow, at the Gadsden, Alabama Library on August 23, 2025 at 10:00 am. We're celebrating my new book, *Cows! Cows! So Many Cows!* Not only will you get to hear me **read** my book, you'll get to **pet Bessie**, too! (Copies will be available for purchase.)

Even if you don't come for this event, take some time to check out the library. The folks that work and volunteer at the library are the best ever! They'll help you find what you need!



The Best Ever!

Coming Soon!
New Books by Sonja McGiboney

The Adventures of Eddie Elf – Coming out October 1, 2025

A Heartfelt chapter book full of fun, *The Adventures of Eddie Elf* is a magical tale of courage, friendship, and learning that, sometimes the best way to find your place in the world... is to reach out and help someone else.

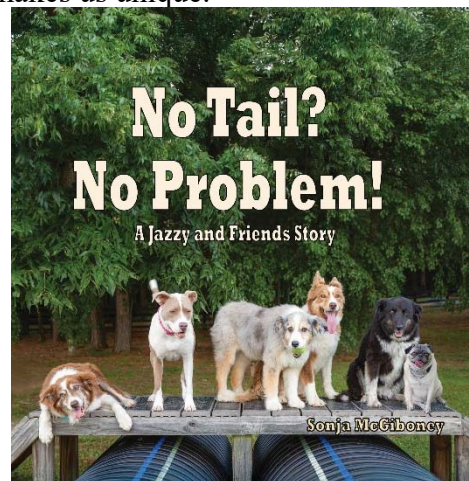
The full cover reveal will be in September, but here's a partial peak! I can't wait to share Cyndi's art!



No Tail? No Problem – A Jazzy and Friends Story – Coming out in just a few days!

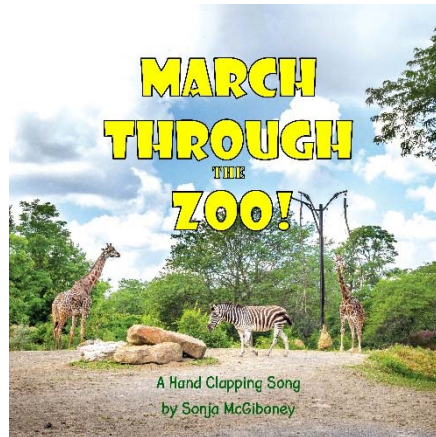
This is a book I wrote a long time ago under the name *Jazzy and Friends*. But with my better understanding of how children's stories are written, I felt it needed a makeover.

A tale about friendship and the joy of embracing what makes us unique.



March Through the Zoo -A Hand Clapping Song – Coming out soon!

If you are as old as me, you'll remember the hand clapping song, Miss Mary Mack! This book is a new version using zoo animal pictures!



Scavenger Hunt

Winners will receive a coupon to their favorite ice-cream place!

August is my birthday month and I want to celebrate. So, I'm offering you a chance to win!

If you can answer the following fifteen questions, naming the book in each answer, Sonja will send you a coupon to your favorite ice-cream place!

(All books by Sonja McGiboney are represented. All her titles are listed below.)

You'll have all of August to find the answers.

1. In which book does Jazzy find eggs?
2. Where does Jazzy look for bones?
3. What things does Jazzy love to collect? (Hint, they come in all sizes.)
4. What book shows tips for photography?
5. In what book does a cat and Jazzy take a nap?
6. What's the name of the book where a cricket is afraid of the rain?
7. In what book can you find nine pink petunias?
8. What book is about friendship and pinky promises?
9. In what book is Jazzy a dragon?
10. In what book does Jazzy try again and again to catch a ball? (Hint, it's not a "Jazzy" book.)
11. In what month was Jazzy as small as a mouse?
12. In what book does Jazzy make her own bowling game?
13. Which book teaches words for beginning readers?
14. Which Jazzy book is based on a fairy tale by Charles Perrault?
15. In which book does Jazzy wear a tiara?



Easy Readers to grade

ABC Jazzy
Caption This, Jazzy
Count with Jazzy
Counting down Jazzy (In three languages)
Growing up Jazzy
Hide and Seek: Jazzy's Alphabet Adventure
Jazzy Colors
Jazzy Shapes
Jazzy Sticks
Jazzy's Trio No. 1
Jazzy's Twelve Days of Christmas
Cats! Cats! So Many Cats!
Cows! Cows! So Many Cows!
Dogs! Dogs! So Many Dogs!
One Duke!
Words with Jazzy
Animal Lessons on Life

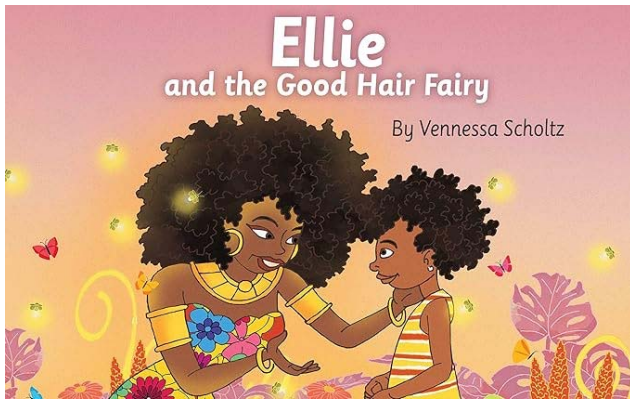
Reading level grade 2-3

Jazzy's Guide to Summertime Fun
Jazzy's Halloween: A Night in Ghouling Brook
Jazzy Time
Jazzy's Whole World
Kyzyl Topuchan Jazzy (in two languages)
Little Red Jazzyhood
Princess Jazzy: How to Prove You're a Princess
Photography for Children
The Water Cycle with Olly and Carl

Reading level grade 3-4

A Night in Lacey Manor
Jazzy Explores Murfreesboro: North Carolina
Jazzy Explores Smithfield: Virginia
Jazzy Explores the Library

Guest Author! Vennessa Scholtz

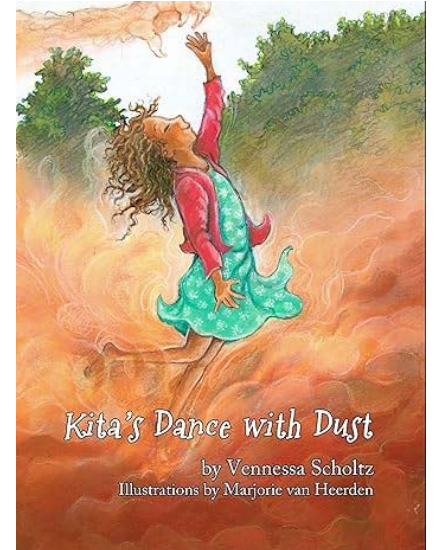


Ellie and the Good Hair Fairy

Vennessa Scholtz

Ellie does not like her hair. So, she goes to see the Good Hair Fairy in hopes of receiving some good hair. But when she gets to the Good Hair Fairy, a big surprise awaits her.

Amazon link: https://www.amazon.com/Ellie-Good-Fairy-Vennessa-Scholtz/dp/1943201668/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&sr=1-2



Kita's dance with Dust

Vennessa Scholtz

Illustrated by Marjorie Hope van Heerden

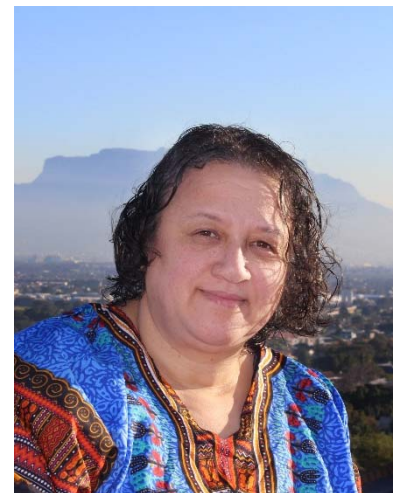
Kita loves walking on the dusty red road. Mama tells Kita not to make red dust clouds. Mama says if the red dust cloud grows, it will become a Dust Eater.

Kindle on Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/Kitas-dance-Dust-Vennessa-Scholtz-ebook/dp/B0C7QXJ5H4/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&sr=1-2&text=Vennessa+Scholtz

I am a journalist and author from Cape Town, South Africa. I have done stints in radio, magazines, as well as daily and weekly newspapers and have won several awards as a journalist.

My first children's story, *Kita and the Dusty Red Road*, won the Golden Baobab Award in 2016.

This book was first printed by Farafina in Nigeria in 2019. It was reprinted with a new name and illustrations by LAPA in July last year and has since won an honorable mention at the Paris Book Festival and was long listed for the South African Literature Awards in the Children's Books Category.



My second children's book, *Ellie and the Good Hair Fairy*, was also first printed by Farafina, reprinted by AM Ink in the United States and received an honorable mention at the Paris Book Festival in 2022.

I am a full-time media liaison, am married and have two adult sons.

I dabble in poetry, knit copious amounts of beanies for charity and watch too many crime series. I believe one of the biggest gifts we can give our children and the generations that follow, is a love of reading as it gives flight to their imagination and opens doors to a whole universe of knowledge.

Crafts that you can make just by looking at the picture!
(But I included the link for you too!)



<https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/leaf-sunflower-craft/>



<https://homanathome.com/2016/09/foam-ocean-animal-pencil-toppers/>



<https://www.redtedart.com/goldilocks-three-bears-craft/>

I am participating in the following markets in Alabama. Hope to see you there.

October 11: Foothills Book Fest, Jasper Civic Center, 204 19th Street East, Jasper, AL 35501

November 8 & 9: Holiday Market at the Farm at Rocky Top in Salem, AL

November 14 & 15: Winter Wonderland at the Venue at Coosa Landing, Gadsden, AL

Thank you!

As always, thank you for your support and for subscribing to my newsletter!

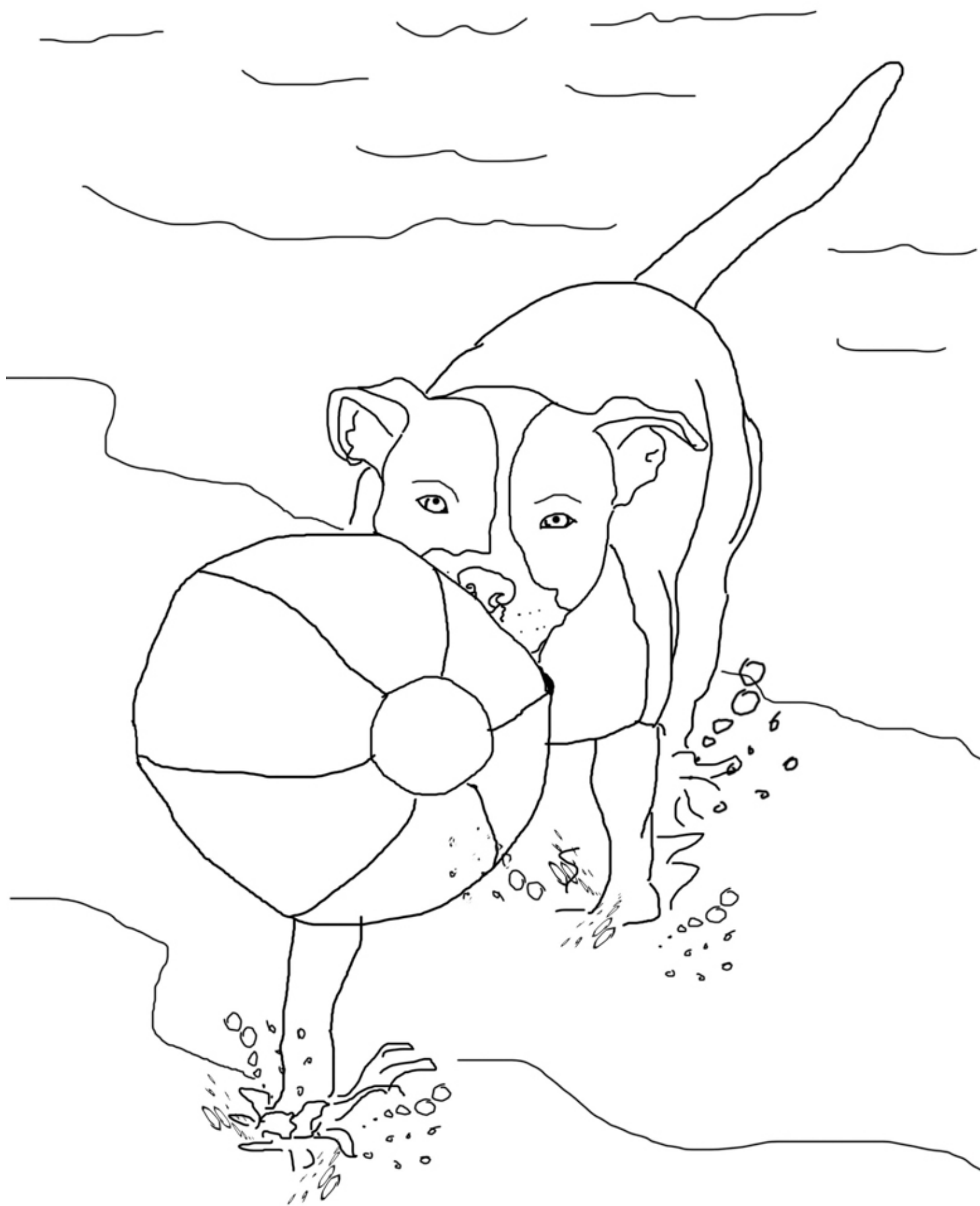
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Until next time,

Enjoy the rest of your summer!



School Days

