



Jazzy's News
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Hello My Friends,

Happy November! Please invite your children to read the, "What Should Jazzy Do?" piece below and tell me their answer. I'm eager to hear them. Remember, if you haven't found the "new" me on Facebook, please friend me now. I changed my name from Ally back to Sonja. I'm on there as Sonja E McGiboney but the link still says Ally. <https://www.facebook.com/AllyAllowinter/>



What Should Jazzy do?

A write your own ending story.

Jazzy saw the man smile. "Oh boy, I can meet a new friend. I wonder if he has treats." With a bounce in her step and energy in her wagging tail, Jazzy strutted toward him.

OOF! The leash tightened, making Jazzy choke.

"Jazzy, no. Sit. Stay."

Jazzy looked back at Sonja and whined. "But Sonja, I want to meet him. I want to jump all over him and lick his face."

Sonja pulled on her leash and Jazzy had to walk back and stand next to Sonja.

"Jazzy, sit."

Jazzy sat. The man came up, still smiling, and started talking to Sonja. He talked and talked but then he pulled out his phone. "Oh boy! He's going to take my picture. This means he'll give me treats!" Jazzy stood and danced in her spot. "What shall I do? Should I dance, find a treat, or...."

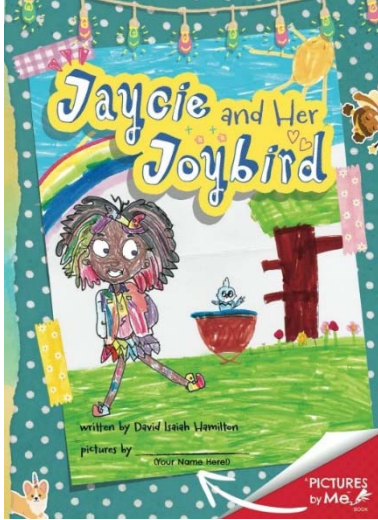
"Jazzy stop. Sit."

Jazzy sat. The man continued speaking with Sonja. When another dog rounded the corner, Jazzy looked at Sonja. "Oh no, she doesn't see the dog!" Jazzy tried to warn Sonja. She pulled at her leash but all Sonja did was tell her to sit, again. Jazzy could feel the worry climb up her muscles. Her legs tightened, her mouth watered, her tail thumped the ground in anticipation of the strike. But Sonja said to sit.

The dog was getting closer. Jazzy had to think. What should she do? Should she pounce on the dog to protect Sonja and risk getting yelled at, or trust that Sonja will take care of them?

Guest Author!

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Jaycie loves her family and expresses her love for them by creating beautiful (and messy!) art projects around the house. However, the messes are often more noticeable than her creations, and Jaycie's family doesn't always appreciate her creative process. Jaycie's best friend - her older brother Joel - is leaving soon for college. Joel is the one who understands Jaycie the most. When he's gone, who will goof around with her, admire her latest work, and make her smile when she's sad?

When Jaycie's surprise going-away gift for Joel is ruined, she embarks on a journey where she gently learns how to navigate her emotions in the midst of change. And on that journey, she meets Joybird - the injured bluejay she rescues - who accompanies her as she discovers how to hold sadness together with empathy, courage, and joy.

Amazon link: <https://www.amazon.com/Jaycie-Her-Joybird-Pictures-Book/dp/B0DF5TC4ND>

Barns & Noble link: <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/jaycie-and-her-joybird-david-isaiah-hamilton/1146215639?ean=9798991052108>

About the author

David Hamilton is a man of many titles: documentary cinematographer, former educator, spoken word poet, proud father of two bright and beautiful girls, dedicated husband and avid pizza maker. Using these experiences along with his incredible upbringing in Buffalo, NY, David brings a unique blend of creativity and insight to his storytelling.

"Jaycie and Her Joybird" is his first published chapter book, inspired by his passion for art and emotional well-being. His focus on his family's needs and dedication to their love shines through in his writing; when you meet his characters, you fall in love with their journey, too.



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The name Fenix Linn is very near and dear to us. In honor of my late nephew Amari Phoenix and my late niece Maya Lynn, whose lights were taken from our world but shine brightly in our hearts forever, Fenix Linn Story Studio will donate 10% of its profits to organizations working to improve prenatal care, reduce instances of pregnancy and infant loss, and support grieving mothers in such difficult times.

New Book – Needs Your Words

A book where you write the words!

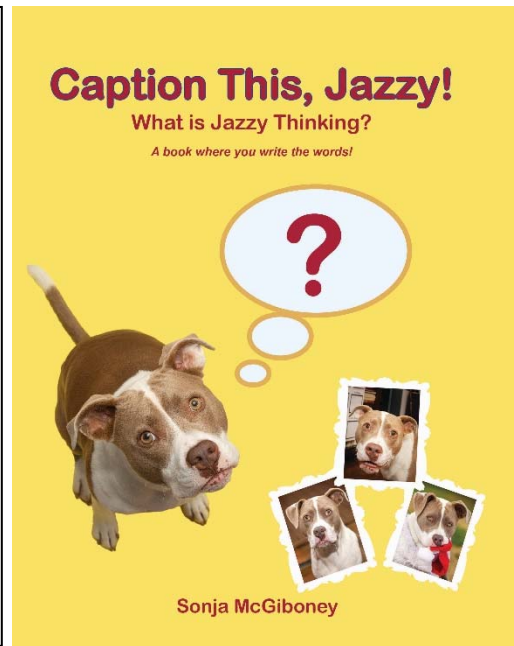
Jazzy's expressions are happy, sad, mad, thoughtful, irritated, and more. In this book, you can decide what Jazzy is thinking or feeling. A photo might feel happy for one person, but feel joyous or peaceful to another. That's why the photographer, Sonja, gives you the opportunity to write what you think.

Parents and teachers can use this book with children to discuss emotions they are currently dealing with.

Children can empathize with Jazzy. "If Jazzy feels emotions, then then so can I."

So, pick up your markers and have fun writing captions for each photo. Share them with me and Jazzy if you wish.

https://www.amazon.com/Caption-This-Jazzy-What-Thinking/dp/1964345502/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&sr=1-1

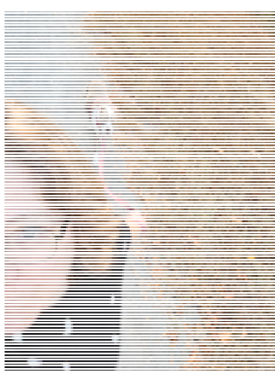


Jazzy's Books at Walnut Park Elementary

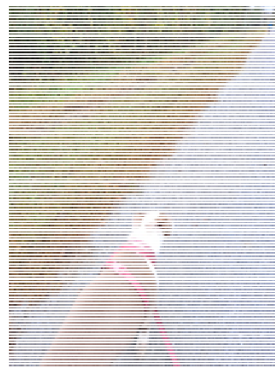


Thanks to Hanna Gray, the children's librarian at Gadsden Public Library, I met some wonderful, possible future authors. We had a lovely time talking about the writing process and how they could illustrate their own books.





Our Morning Walks



Every day, Jazzy and I drive to a quiet park where noisy cars and stray dogs won't bother her. There are several parks in Gadsden. Noccalula Falls and James D. Martin Wildlife Park, are our favorites.

But Jazzy is getting older and, unless there is a squirrel to chase, she doesn't want to walk anywhere. I find myself pulling her to go down a trail, but once we turn around to go back, she leads the way. The car is waiting, I guess.

However, she still doesn't mind posing for treats.

Wishing You All a Happy Thanksgiving! And a Safe One for Pets!

Poor Jazzy! All that food and she gets just a little taste of Turkey. There is a good article on the American Veterinary Medical Association website about food hazards for dogs during the holidays. Here the headlines, but please go to the site and read about it so you'll know how to keep your pets safe.

1. Keep the feast on the table.
2. No Pie or other desserts for your pet
3. Yeast dough can cause problems for pets
4. Put the trash away where your pet can't find it
5. Be careful with decorative plants
6. Quick action can save lives, have your vet number handy especially if it's a sitter. ASPCA Poison Control Center (888-426-4435) or the Pet Poison Helpline (855-764-7661); note that a fee may apply.

Read more on the site: <https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/petcare/thanksgiving-pet-safety#:~:text=Fatty%20foods%20are%20hard%20for,that%20are%20poisonous%20to%20pets.>

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