Spring 2022 Catalog

Meet your new favorite books!
Letter from the Publisher

We are so excited to showcase our Spring 2022 titles! Young Authors Publishing continues to share the stories of diverse young authors, and we can't wait for you to see their ingenuity and creativity.

Our ten new titles range in theme, from stories of friendship and hidden talents, to stories about careers and diversity, we have something exciting for everyone. Each story also comes equipped with a creative teaching guide, perfect for teachers and instructors.

Young Authors Publishing is on a mission to empower the authors of tomorrow, using their words to change the dialogue around representation in literature. We provide our young authors with a self-sufficient financial pathway through book publishing.

Leah Hernandez
Founder and CEO

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New Releases at a Glance

June

Angela Makes a Friend
Grant Geddes

Realistic Dreams
Amelia M. Lettermore

July

My Girls & Curls
Ligia Steele
Illustrated by Renata Imagenes

GAME OVER
Mitchell Clay
Illustrated by Angela Renee White

August

A Week with Papa
Justice Miller

Pick a Job
Morgan Miller
Illustrated by Barbara Dobier

September

Taming the Flame
Jaida Powell
Illustrated by Summer H. Angiulo

What If No One Heals Me?
Jaida Powell
Illustrated by Summer H. Angiulo

Snack Attack
Tayler Jo Tewell Mighiower

Diversity Matters
A Story About My Brother and Me
Justin Sturt
On Goddess Island, Halo has completely mastered his lightning powers. However, classmate Drake struggles perfecting his fire power and bullies Halo! Will Drake learn how to properly master both his powers and his emotions before it’s too late?

Book Synopsis
ISBN 978-1-951257-55-2 • $16.99 • Hardcover • 32 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8.5 × 11 • Ages: 7 to 9 • Pub Date: September 6, 2022

About the Author
Salathiel Murphy is 12 years old and is in the 6th grade. He enjoys acting, gaming, and making friends. A few movies and TV series Salathiel has acted in are Little (2019), Watchmen (2019), and Stargirl (2020). In the future, Salathiel wishes to become a largely known actor and use his platform to help others find their passions.

Key Selling Points
- Teaches readers about managing emotions
- Empowers readers to show expressions of kindness
- Encourages readers to talk through their problems
One night after dinner, 12-year-old Amari has a hard time falling asleep. When he finally falls asleep, he finds himself in a nightmare filled with crazy situations! What will it take for Amari to get out of his nightmare?

ISBN 978-1-951257-65-1 • $16.99 • Hardcover • 32 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8.5 × 11 • Ages: 7 to 9 • Pub Date: June 28, 2022

About the Author

Amari Latimore is 12 years old and was born in Savannah, GA but raised in Conyers, GA. He enjoys reading graphic novels, comic books, and gaming. In the future, Amari hopes to open a business with his mom.

Key Selling Points

• Teaches young children that they can overcome anything
• Empowers children to talk about problems
• Teaches children about the understanding their emotions

As the creature holds out the box, Amari is confused and asks, “What is this box for?”

Amari loudly asks the creature, “What do you want?” Amari is confused as he opens the creature’s mouth, but he is scared, the creature puffs out something from behind its back and it’s... a boat.

A Look Inside!

The creature then says, “This box is going to be your new home.”

Amari looks at the box and see it slowly opening. When Amari finally peeks inside, he finds it is a box made of pita bread. Amari HATES pita bread.
Alex is completely addicted to his video games! But after he and his mom get sucked into one of his favorite games, will Alex learn that family is more valuable than technology?

ISBN 978-1-951257-49-1 • $16.99 • Hardcover •
40 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8.5 × 11 •
Ages: 7 to 9 • Pub Date: July 19, 2022

About the Author
Maxwell Clay is 10 years old and is in the 4th grade. He enjoys playing baseball and soccer, and he loves to draw in his free time. In the future, Maxwell hopes to use his skills and talents to help individuals without homes all around the world.

Key Selling Points
• Encourages readers to spend less time playing video games
• Reminds readers that spending time with family is important
• Demonstrates the importance of technology-free quality time
Angela is going to her first day of kindergarten and is a little scared because she only has one friend, her imaginary friend Gracie. Gracie has been with Angela as long as she can remember! Join Angela as she tries to overcome the hardest challenge in kindergarten, making new friends.

ISBN 978-1-951257-64-4 • $16.99 • Hardcover • 32 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8.5 × 11 • Ages: 8 to 10 • Pub Date: June 14, 2022

Grant Geddes is 13 years old. His favorite subject in school is math, and he hopes to one day become a Chemical Engineer and help people around the world.

Key Selling Points

- Gives youth examples of how to make new friends
- Encourages children to find similarities amongst themselves
- Demonstrates how friendships can form
On the first day of school, 11-year-old Justin realizes that all of the students at his school are different, just like him and Noah! One of the students made a comment about Justin and Noah’s physical features, which prompted Justin to share his story with his classmates about the racial differences in his family. After sharing his story, Justin came up with a wonderful idea to bring cultural awareness to his school! Do you think it will work?

Book Synopsis

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ISBN 978-1-951257-61-3 • $16.99 • Hardcover • 52 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8.5 × 11 • Ages: 11 to 13 • Pub Date: September 27, 2022

About the Author

Justin Blount is an 11-year-old activist from Atlanta, Georgia. At a young age, Justin began advocating for diversity and inclusion in his community. In addition to advocacy, Justin loves music because he believes that music has a way of bringing people of different cultures and nationalities together. When Justin grows up, he wants to have a career as a music instructor.

Key Selling Points

- Encourages readers to advocate for equality in their communities
- Demonstrates the importance of working together to bring awareness to cultural issues
- Empowers readers to embrace their differences

A Look Inside!

[Image of book pages showing a child talking to a teacher about cultural awareness]
With a knack for the arts, Amelia puts her skills to use and creates a wooden frog that plays music! But, after Amelia sells her creation, will the wooden frog find a home that recognizes its value?

ISBN 978-1-951257-76-7 • $16.99 • Hardcover • 32 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8.5 × 11 • Ages: 8 to 9 • Pub Date: September 13, 2022

Jaida Powell is a 14-year-old student from Atlanta, Georgia. This book idea came from a small wooden frog given to her by her grandparents. Jaida did not know much about the frog’s backstory, so she decided to give it one. Though it is most likely not accurate, it is a lot of fun to read.

Key Selling Points

- Empowers readers to explore their talents
- Encourages readers to never judge a book by its cover
- Reminds readers to look for beauty in everyday things
It’s time for Aaron to pick his career, but he doesn’t know what he wants to be yet. There’s just too many things to choose from! After a mind-boggling trip with his dad to the Career Museum, Aaron learns that there’s more to these jobs than meets the eye, and he has way more career options than he thinks.

**About the Author**

Morgan Miller is a 13-year-old girl from Atlanta, GA. She has a loving family and an adorable puppy named Jaxon, also known as Q-Tip! She enjoys reading anything she can get her hands on and has a deep love of music.

**Key Selling Points**

- Teaches readers that it's never too late to try something new
- Encourages readers to explore different career paths
- Inspires readers to pick a career they are excited about

**Book Synopsis**

ISBN 978-1-951257-90-3 • $16.99 • Hardcover • 24 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8.5 × 11 • Ages: 8 to 9 • Pub Date: August 23, 2022
Jackson loves spending time with his grandpa, “Papa.” After Papa’s leg surgery, Jackson visits him in the hospital, then spends a week with him in Augusta, Georgia. They do all kinds of fun activities together, like watching TV and eating dinner! After spending so much time with Papa, Jackson learns how special it can be to take care of your loved ones during tough times.

Book Synopsis

ISBN 978-1-951257-69-9 • $16.99 • Hardcover • 32 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8.5 × 11 • Ages: 9 to 11 • Pub Date: August 16, 2022

About the Author

Matthew Miller is an 11-year-old student residing in Atlanta, Georgia. A lover of music, Matthew is very active in his church community as a member of the Children’s Choir. He is also a Webelos and a member of the National Beta Club. He is a devoted Braves fan and grew up going to the Braves’ games.

Matthew enjoys listening to music, especially the Sunday Service Choir, spending time with his family, and helping train his new dog, Jaxon.

Key Selling Points

- Encourages readers to spend time with their family
- Reminds readers of the importance of helping others
- Empowers readers to explore their family history
Layla Steele, 9, is a student in elementary school who is passionate about singing, drawing, and playing video games. Layla enjoys talking to her friends and expressing herself through fashion. She loves being around her family, especially her younger cousins. She hopes this book inspires them, and her readers, to love their hair and always be confident. Layla is currently starting her own business, Blue Paradise, creating affordable perfumes.

Lila and her friends go to the pool to celebrate Lila’s birthday, and the pool is just the beginning of Lila’s birthday plans. Lila’s friend Ashley recently gets a silk press, and after she jumps in, the water makes Ashley’s hair turn into a mini afro and she doesn’t know what to do for the fashion show! With the help of Lila and Sarah, Ashley must learn how to style her natural hair in time for the show. Can they do it?

Book Synopsis

ISBN 978-1-951257-79-8 • $16.99 • Hardcover • 32 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8.5 × 11 • Ages: 7 to 9 • Pub Date: July 26, 2022

About the Author

Layla Steele, 9, is a student in elementary school who is passionate about singing, drawing, and playing video games. Layla enjoys talking to her friends and expressing herself through fashion. She loves being around her family, especially her younger cousins. She hopes this book inspires them, and her readers, to love their hair and always be confident. Layla is currently starting her own business, Blue Paradise, creating affordable perfumes.

Key Selling Points

- Encourages readers to embrace their natural hair
- Demonstrates friendship & teamwork
- Illustrates self-confidence & empowerment
Taylor Hightower is 11 years old and lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Her favorite things to do are play her favorite video game and talk to her friends on the phone. Taylor is the oldest out of her siblings.

It’s Maya’s 11th birthday and she wants a sleepover filled with birthday cake, marshmallows, ice cream sandwiches, and lots of different sweets and treats! Maya knows she shouldn’t eat so many sweets because of what happened last time. However, they’re so good to her, even a nightmare can’t even stop her! Since nightmares didn’t work, what will happen this time when Maya eats too many treats?

ISBN 978-1-951257-58-3 • $16.99 • Hardcover • 32 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8.5 × 11 • Ages: 8 to 9 • Pub Date: September 20, 2022

About the Author

Taylor Hightower is 11 years old and lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Her favorite things to do are play her favorite video game and talk to her friends on the phone. Taylor is the oldest out of her siblings.

Key Selling Points

- Empowers readers to practice healthy eating habits
- Reminds readers to avoid eating too many sweets
- Encourages readers to spend quality time with friends
Lance spends his summer vacation surfing at Mallory Beach until one fateful day when he finds himself trapped underwater! Lance spends seven days under water until he emerges as Sea-Rod, a crime-fighting superhero! Sea-Rod spends most of his days cleaning up Flame Island and fighting the evil super villain Inferno who mind-controls the town to litter. Will Sea-Rod be able to save the town before it’s too late?

ISBN 978-1-951257-27-9 • $17.99 • Hardcover • 40 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8.5 × 11 • Ages: 3 to 8 • Pub Date: Available Now

About the Author

Lance Hamlett is in third grade and can read at the 5th grade level. Lance’s favorite things to do is play with his BeyBlade and play on his phone. In the future Lance wants to be a youtuber, and build video games.

Key Selling Points

- Teaches children the importance of keeping our ocean clean
- Encourages young readers to take better care of the planet
- Empowers young readers to help others stop littering
Timmy’s classmate has been bullying him for a LONG time, and Timmy doesn’t know how to stop him! After a life-changing dream, Timmy’s game controllers help him figure out how to stop the bullying and make a friend at the same time.

ISBN 978-1-951257-26-2 • $17.99 • Hardcover • 40 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8.5 × 11 • Ages: 3 to 8 • Pub Date: Available Now

About the Author

Thomas Aycock is 12 years old. He likes to play video games and help people who are sad. In the future he hopes to become an entrepreneur and create a company where he helps homeless people. He would also like to create another company that creates new electronics for the world.

Key Selling Points

- A story that teaches children empathy and how to stand up for themselves
- A blueprint that educates kids on how to deal with bullying
- An entertaining way to show children how to handle their emotions
After basketball practice, Trevon and his best friend Ray decide to take an adventure in town. Ray dares Trevon to go into a creepy antique shop, and after he accepts the dare, Trevon learns that this shop isn’t creepy at all, but instead allows him to travel all around the world through touching the artifacts! How many cultures can Trevon experience in one afternoon?

ISBN: 978-1-951257-34-7 • $17.99 • Hardcover • 40 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8.5 x 11 • Ages: 3 to 8 • Pub Date: Available Now

About the Author

Jordan Morrissette has a good memory, and loves geography. His favorite things to do are play video games, draw, and study geography. In the future, Jordan hopes to travel the world and design buildings.

Key Selling Points

- Allowing readers to travel the world one page at a time
- An adventurous story that exposes children to different cultures and their traditions
- Shows children the beauty in diversity
Addie Soundland is 11 years old and lives with her mom, dad, and sister. The dinner table is where Addie gets to spend the most time with her family, but now that her parents have started a new business and her sister goes to school, they are all too busy for dinner time. Instead of talking at the dinner table, her parents are sending emails and her sister plays games on her tablet. Addie comes up with a super secret plan to get her family back at the dinner table like old times.

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Addison Gordon is ten years old; she has a younger sister who is three. Her favorite things to do are play the piano and violin, sing, and practice gymnastics. She likes to cook with her mom, and when she’s older, she hopes to be a chef and own her own bakery where the specialty will be biscuits and cake.

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Key Selling Points

- Bringing families back to the dinner table
- A beautiful story that encourages families to spend more quality time together
- A great book to read with the whole family

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ISBN 978-1-951257-31-6 • $17.99 • Hardcover • 40 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8 × 10 • Ages: 3 to 8 • Pub Date: Available Now
Miles Hightower is a 14-year-old boy who loves art. His mom is his biggest supporter and cherishes all of his paintings! When she becomes ill, it breaks Miles’s heart. Soon, he finds out his mom can’t afford the medical bills, and he doesn’t know what to do! Because he loves to paint, Miles comes up with a plan to use his art to capture his emotions while earning extra money.

ISBN 978-1-951257-30-9 • $17.99 • Hardcover • 40 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8 × 10 • Ages: 3 to 8 • Pub Date: Available Now

Ashton Hightower is 11 years old. He likes making YouTube videos on his channel. He also loves to draw and make custom shoes. At home, he reads graphic novels and comic books. He also loves spending time with his family: his mom, dad, aunt, sister, brother, and cousin! When he’s older, Ashton wants to have his own clothing line and comic book line.

About the Author

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Key Selling Points

- A story about a young artist who uses his art to help his mom
- An empowering read that encourages children to use their talents
- Relatable story that captures the reality of most urban youth
An eight-year-old girl named Kyrah and her best friend Max attend school together. Their teacher, Ms. Porter, is mean to the students and hurts their feelings. One day, Kyrah wakes up and realizes she's switched places with her teacher! Now it's her turn to show Ms. Porter how to treat her students.

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**Book Synopsis**

ISBN 978-1-951257-28-6 • $17.99 • Hardcover • 40 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8.5 x 11 • Ages: 3 to 8 • Pub Date: Available Now

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**About the Author**

Brenae Thomas is 12 years old, and her favorite thing to do is write. Brenae also enjoys hanging with her friends. She is a Sagittarius that lives in Atlanta, Georgia. When she grows up she wants to become an actress or a doctor.

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**Key Selling Points**

- A story about a teacher and a student switching places
- Teaches students and teachers how to see one another point of view
- A great read for the classroom and school setting
Book Synopsis

Juliet and her dad have been moving around a lot due to the gentrification happening in their communities. Moving so frequently has caused Juliet to feel down, and she has a lot of anxiety. With the help of the New Kid Rule Book, she’s able to overcome her anxious feelings and is more comfortable at her new school.

ISBN 978-1-951257-32-3 • $17.99 • Hardcover • 40 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8.5 x 11 • Ages: 3 to 8 • Pub Date: Available Now

About the Author

Sydney Jeffrey is 14 years old. She likes to draw, listen to music, and play lacrosse. She has been playing sports since she was in kindergarten, and she enjoys being an athlete. She hopes to play lacrosse throughout high school and college. One day, she wants to be a pediatrician, because she would love to work with kids and their health.

Key Selling Points

• A story about a girl navigating being the new kid
• Teaches children the importance of self care and awareness
• Provides an easy guide for children who are in a new environment
Dwayne is an excellent basketball player, and he’s secretly great at the french horn, too! Dwayne has trouble deciding whether he wants to join the band or continue his reign as the king of basketball. The choice is really hard because he’ll be disappointing his teammates or his newfound band friend either way. Can Dwayne overcome peer pressure and do what makes him happy the most?

Book Synopsis

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ISBN 978-1-951257-33-0 • $17.99 • Hardcover • 40 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8 x 10 • Ages: 5 to 12 • Pub Date: Available Now

About the Author

Jackson Jeffrey is from Atlanta, GA. He loves to play baseball and the french horn, he also loves attending Ebenezer Baptist Church, all the members and staff are always so loving! When he grows up, he want to be a professional baseball player and an entrepreneur.

Key Selling Points

- Empowers children to be themselves and do what makes them happy
- Teaches children how to effectively make decisions
- Shows children they can do multiple activities that bring them joy
At Palm Valley Elementary School, the female students are being discriminated against by the other male students. A young girl named Fatima has had enough of this mistreatment, and decides she wants to do something about it! Fatima gathers all of the girl students to host a protest demanding equality. Will the girls finally be treated fairly by the boys?

Book Synopsis

ISBN 9978-1-951257-27-9 • $17.99 • Hardcover • 40 pages (color illus. throughout) • 8 x 10 • Ages: 5 to 12 • Pub Date: Available Now

About the Author

Olivia James likes to play volleyball and hangout with her friends and family. She also likes to watch Netflix and Disney Plus. Her favorite subject is social studies and in the future, she would like to graduate college and become a psychologist.

Key Selling Points

- A story about a young activist
- Teaches children the importance of equal rights
- Educates children on how to take action for equality
6 Reasons to Support Young Authors Publishing

1. **Diverse Book Shelves**: All of our books are written by Black and Brown young authors. Build a diverse book shelf by shopping with us!

2. **Reading Circles**: Our books are perfect discussion-starters for reading circles! Our stories spark conversations about family, friendship, and even bullying.

3. **Event Partnerships**: Are you looking to help parents teach their children about activism? Bullying? Friendship? We have books for that! [Partner with us for your upcoming events.]

4. **Reader Connections**: Because our books are written for young readers by young readers, our readers see themselves reflected in the characters and storylines.

5. **Free Activity Guides**: All of our books come with free activity guides to keep young readers exploring after they finish reading!

6. **Financial Freedom for Young Authors**: By purchasing our books, you're helping our young authors save for their future!