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About Young Authors Publishing

Young Authors Publishing is a children’s and young adult book publisher that exists to share personal stories of Black & Brown young people. We believe that all kids are story-worthy and should see themselves reflected in the books they read. We also believe in writing our future, so we publish books that reflect how diverse our world is. Our two-part mission is to produce diverse and culturally relevant children's books and to use book publishing as a vehicle to economic mobility for our young authors.

Company Highlights

- Distributed globally through Ingram Content Group, the largest book distributor in the country.
- Young Authors Publishing has published more than 35 diverse books in four short years.

Press Clippings

- Young Authors Publishing Receives Courier Fresh Fund Prize
- WSBTV Child authors publish books that help pay for college
- Young Authors Publishing Awarded Pharrell William's Black Ambition Prize
- Publisher's Weekly: 'Young Authors Publishing’ Nurtures Up-and-Coming Writers of Color

Story Angles

- "Gen Z Publisher Diversifying the Book Industry"
- "Black-Owned Publisher Creating Diverse Children's Books"
- "Black youth writing books on personal & socio-emotional experiences"
- "Using book publishing as economic mobility for todays youth"

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Young Authors Publishing was founded and published their first book, *Roxie’s Day in Vine City*, in 2018

YAP works with elementary & middle school children with upcoming books by young adults

Published more than 35 books

Illustration partnership with Milan Illustration Agency based in Switzerland

Young Authors Publishing has partnerships with Reading Partners (a national literacy organization), World Reader (a global literacy organization) and Barbershop Books

Books are available globally on all book selling platforms (Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Walmart & Target)

Young Authors Publishing was awarded the Black Ambition Prize

Authors are taught financial literacy and work with financial experts to help them save and re-invest their book royalties

Books are available in all Fulton County libraries in GA

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Meet the Team

Leah Hernandez, Founder, and CEO
Leah Hernandez is the Founder and CEO of Young Authors Publishing. She graduated from Clark Atlanta University where she obtained her degree in Business Administration with a Marketing concentration. While a student at Clark Atlanta University Hernandez published her first book which was recognized in Rolling Out magazine and Essence Festival of Culture (formally known as Essence Music Festival). In 2021, Leah was named one of Publisher's Weekly "Star Watch Nominees." Leah sits on the board of Pub West, an association of small to mid sized publishers, as well as Portland State University's Masters Publishing Program to create more opportunities for people of color to work in publishing. In her free time, she loves reading historical fiction and binging T.V shows. Leah aspires to continue to impact the lives of others by helping them share their stories.

Salina Trahan, Marketing and Communications Manager
Salina Trahan is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University with a B.A. in Education. Salina Trahan's passion for working with youth led her to support Young Authors Publishing with their 2019 Experience Program. Salina finds joy in being able to create experiences and opportunities to expose others to the voices and ideas of young minds. Since working with Young Authors Publishing, Salina has expanded into the areas of marketing and communications for the organization. In her free time, Salina enjoys painting and being in nature while also exploring self-care practices.

Nahtyka Jolly, Managing Editor
Nahtyka Jolly is a digital storyteller located in Atlanta, GA. A graduate of Clayton State University, she received her Bachelor’s Degree in English with a writing concentration and a minor in Communication and Media Studies. Throughout her career, Nahtyka has created spaces to share the stories of those in her community in genuine and authentic ways. Through Young Authors Publishing, she’s been able to continue sharing the diverse stories that people need to hear most, the stories of children.

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- Dwayne's Big Decision
- Fatima the Activist
- The Truth About Bullies
- Differences Matter

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- Realistic Dreams
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