

A to Z Character Education for the Classroom

By Sherry Hoffman, B.S., M.Ed.

Illustrated by Jacqueline L. Challis Hill

For Ages Elementary and Middle School

Paperback: 144 pages

Published: April 2013

ISBN: 978-1938326165

Description:

Using the powerful bucketfilling messages found in Carol McCloud's first book, *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?: A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids*, author Sherry Hoffman crafts exciting and ingenious ways to use reading strategies, vocabulary instruction, and extended activities which encourages students to develop excellent character traits. This activity workbook can be used for all elementary and middle school classrooms and offers many positive ways to instill bucketfilling into the lives of the readers.

Winner of Four Awards:

2018 - BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD, Educational Classroom Books category, *Creative Child Magazine*

2014 - Gold Medal, Juvenile Level 2 Books, Poetry, Mom's Choice Awards

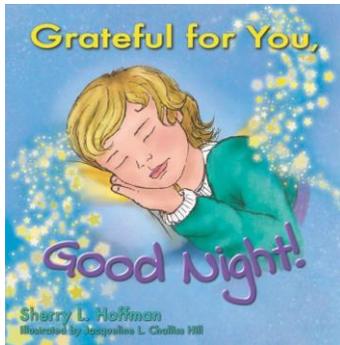
2014 - Honorable Mention, Home Books, Eric Hoffer Book Awards

2014 - Second Place, School Issues Books, Purple Dragonfly Book Awards

2014 - Honorable Mention, Poetry Books, Purple Dragonfly Book Awards

Additional Honors:

2014 - Story Monster Approved



Grateful for You, Good Night!

Written by Sherry L. Hoffman

Illustrated by Jacqueline L. Challis Hill

Paperback: 24 pages

Published: August 2017

ISBN-13:978-0-692-90938-6

Description:

Saying good night and being thankful are two important parts of a loving bedtime routine. Families play a vital role in building and supporting children's sense of security and comfort. Through sequencing events of which children can expect to follow every night, parents help to develop a feeling of relaxation, transitioning their children to a night of restful sleep. This bedtime story is one with a poetic quality with soothing illustrations and design, which help to carry readers along their own special journey of making special memories with their families.

"My most favorite time with children has always been those twilight moments where the wiggles and giggles give way to their softer, more contemplative side. Winding down for bedtime always gave me a peek into their day, and the ever-increasing growth of their heart and imagination. Warm cuddle time fosters their appreciation, and provides a wonderful opportunity to learn and express gratitude. Not only does *Grateful for You, Good Night* help you to do just that, it also opens the joys of the sweeter side of parenting. Illustrations by Jacqueline L. Challis Hill provide a loving visual stage for the text to dance upon, and together make a great nighttime routine." ~ Darleen Wohlfeil, *Story Monsters Ink* magazine

"Mrs. Hoffman has captured the feelings that parents have when putting their children to bed. It is a treasured time that creates and embeds memories that will last a lifetime. After reading this lovely children's book, I was taken back to all of the evenings that I had when it was bedtime for my children. This time is so special for all parties. As an educator, I was pleasantly surprised with how the book had rhythmic oral patterns that made it fun to read aloud. The illustrations in the book lend a hypnagogic quality that made me want more. This book will be one to stand the test of time, and it will be an instant favorite for children, parents and grandparents alike." ~ Charlotte Parker, M.Ed., Special Education Director and Behavior Specialist

Winner of the Following Awards:

2018 - BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD, Kids Bed Time Story Books category, *Creative Child Magazine*

2017 – Honorable Mention, Children's Picture Books 5 & Younger, Royal Dragonfly Book Award

2017 – Honorable Mention, Children's Picture Books 6 & Older, Royal Dragonfly Book Award

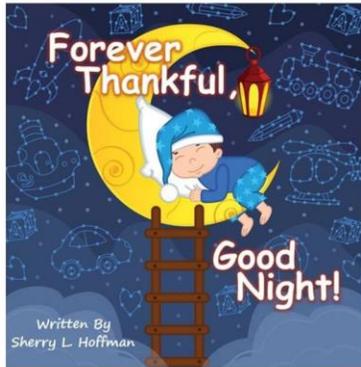
2017 – 2nd Place, Parenting, Royal Dragonfly Book Award

2017 – 2nd Place, Religion/Spirituality, Royal Dragonfly Book Award

2017 – Gold, Mom's Choice Award

Additional Honors:

2017 – Story Monster Approved



Title: Forever Thankful, Good Night!

Written by: Sherry L. Hoffman

Category: Children's Bedtime Prayer Book

Age Range: 0 - 8

Copyright Year: © 2017

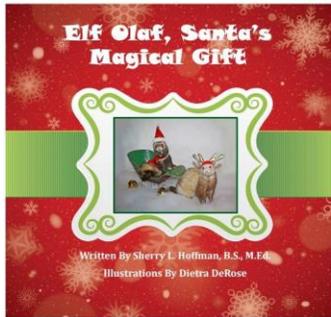
Language: English

Country: United States

Description: Read along as children say a bedtime prayer, thanking God for blessings in their lives.

Winner of the following Awards:

2017 – 1st Place, Religion/Spirituality, Royal Dragonfly Book Award



Title: Elf Olaf, Santa's Magical Gift

Written by: Sherry L. Hoffman

Illustrated by: Dietra DeRose

Published: 2015

ISBN 0692580697, 9780692580691

Length: 40 pages

Description:

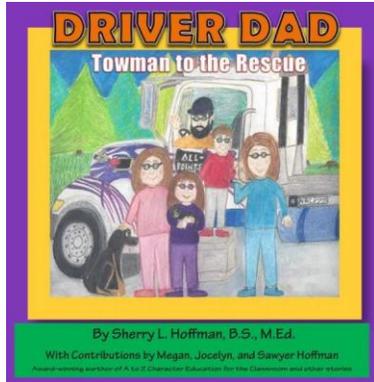
Through carefully crafted poetry and amazing photographs of fun, furry ferrets and adorable Cocker spaniels, author Sherry Hoffman and illustrator Dietra DeRose deliver a delightful Christmas tale. Read along as Olaf, Sheldon, Smooch, and the rest of the ferret crew help Santa deliver presents to the pets around the world, teaching readers about the spirit of giving, being helpful, and showing kindness.

Sherry L. Hoffman is a teacher, writer, wife, and mother. She enjoys spreading her love of reading and character education to others while teaching and attending book signings. Sherry has won several awards for her books *A to Z Character Education for the Classroom* and *Be the Best Version of You: A Teacher's Poem to Her Students*. In addition to reading and writing, she enjoys photography, music, nature walks, and exploring different vacation spots with her family. Sherry resides in northeastern Pennsylvania with her husband Jared and children Megan, Jocelyn, and Sawyer, along with the family Rottweilers Jasmine and Cruncher, and tuxedo cat Diamond. Please visit her website www.SherryLHoffman.com.

Meet the Illustrator: Dietra DeRose is a professional pet photographer. She enjoys training and caring for animals, especially her Cocker spaniels and ferrets. Dietra's work has been featured in the *Wall Street Journal* and in advertisements for Marshall's Ferrets. Her ferrets have won numerous awards in show at the Ferret Fandango, an annual ferret competition which she loves attending. This is Dietra's first book. In addition to photography, Dietra enjoys music and spending time with her family and friends. Dietra resides in northeastern Pennsylvania. Please visit her Facebook page entitled Paw Prints By Dietra DeRose.

Winner of the following Awards:

2017 – 1st Place, Animals/Pets, Royal Dragonfly Book Award



Title: Driver Dad: Towman to the Rescue

Illustrated by: Sherry Hoffman with contribution by Megan, Jocelyn, and Sawyer Hoffman

Published: 2015 (Sherry L. Hoffman)

Full color, 8.5 x 8.5, 36 pages

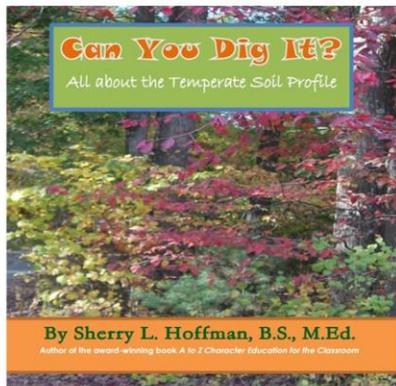
Grades: 2nd to 5th

Part of the enjoyment of making this tow truck book was spending countless hours with my husband and three children bonding over tow trucks! I especially loved when the story started to form through the pictures the kids and I drew. You will notice several pieces of artwork from my children throughout the story. Whether it was a portrait of a puppy or a full page drawing of a superhero flying over a backyard, my kids' artwork is included in this family project. I am pleased with the end result, and I'll always cherish the conversations we had at our kitchen table developing our illustrations and the story. I hope you enjoy our family project, which highlights the life of a towman through a child's eye and also stresses the Slow Down Move Over law.

Description: Driving home the message of the Slow Down and Move Over Law, this book will take readers on the journey of one of our everyday heroes—the towman! Author and illustrator Sherry Hoffman describes the life of a tow truck driver through the eyes of her daughter. Hoffman collaborates with her own three children to unveil the tale of a heroic dad in the towing industry. Extension activities are included as well. This tale may get you “hooked” on reading about towing again and again.

[Winner of the Following Awards:](#)

[2017 – 1st Place, Transportation, Royal Dragonfly Book Award](#)



Title: Can You Dig It? All about the Temperate Soil Profile

Author(s): Sherry L. Hoffman, B.S., M.Ed.

Age Range: 6 +

Publisher: Sherry L. Hoffman, B.S., M.Ed.

Copyright Year: © 2014

Language: English

ISBN: 978-1-312-57475-5

This book started as a song that I wrote for my sixth grade Science students during my second year of teaching. I needed to find a way to make dirt interesting. I wrote this song while I was riding around one sunny afternoon in the truck with my husband. As we passed by wooded hillsides, I saw soil profiles in plain sight with crispy leaves lying gently on top. The song was finished by the end of the ride, and I could not wait to share it with my students. As years progressed, so did my enthusiasm for the song. I added more to the lessons, including a scrumptious dessert. Every year a couple of former students would visit with me in Room C109 and request a copy of “The Soil Horizon Song.” I would like to thank those few that did. Their enthusiasm made me realize that maybe others would like to share in the fun, too. Thanks for taking the time to read my story. Enjoy!

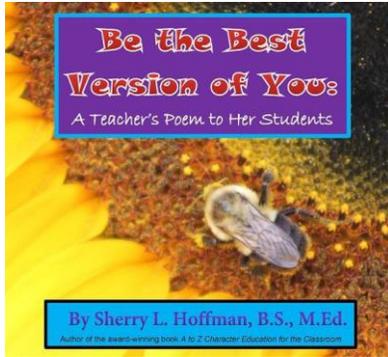
Description: Compiling stunning photographs from the picturesque woods of Northeastern PA, author and illustrator Sherry Hoffman takes readers on an educational journey which unfolds through scientific observations. Told through a narration, readers will learn how to identify and classify the horizons, or soil layers, in the temperate soil profile. In addition, readers will find opportunities to learn through multiple modalities. This book includes extension activities such as “The Soil Horizon Song” and an edible soil profile recipe.

Author's Note: The pictures included in this book are meant to capture the essence of the soil profiles in the temperate climate. They were taken in Northeastern PA. Take time to investigate the climate and soil profile in your neighborhood. By observing, we can learn. By learning, we can grow. By growing, we can help each other. By helping each other, we can change the world.



Winner of the Following Awards:

2018 – PREFERRED CHOICE AWARD, Kids Educational Books category, *Creative Child Magazine*



Written by: Sherry L. Hoffman

Paperback: 44 pages

Published: November 23, 2014

Grades: 2nd to 8th grade

ISBN-13: 978-1312205109

This book started as a poem that I wrote for my middle school students in my Reading classes. I think I had been writing it in my head for some time. However, one day I decided to finally sit down and write what I had been thinking for many years. My students loved hearing the sentiment. They knew that I always tried my best to start and end each class with the words “Thank you for always trying to be the best version of you.” I decided to turn my poem into a book so that others may use it to inspire children to work at being the best that they can be. Thanks for taking the time to read my story. May this book bring smiles to the students that are lucky enough to call you their teacher.

(From Author's Note)

For me photography and writing go hand in hand. Over the course of a year, I took pictures that I felt captured the beauty of nature displaying its best version of itself. From captivating sunrises in Northeast Pennsylvania to the towering Smoky Mountains in Tennessee, the unique beauty of our Earth is found within these pages. May they remind us that we are all different and special just like the colors of the morning sky or the arrangement of trees and flowers on a mountainside. May we always celebrate our differences and encourage others to be their best selves. ♪

(From Back Cover)

Creating messages that will fill up the self-esteem of students and encourage them to be their best selves, author and illustrator Sherry Hoffman interweaves photography and poetry in this spectacular picture book filled with a sincere message from the heart. This work of literature is a great companion to her activity book A to Z Character Education for the Classroom. In addition to the words of encouragement for all students, readers will find extension activities and a list of positive character traits.

[Winner of the Following Awards:](#)

[Gold, Juvenile Books \(Level 2 - Ages 9 to 12\), Mom's Choice Awards](#)

[Additional Honors:](#)

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