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Titles:

Zorah and the Very Big Question
Hardcover: ISBN: 978-1-7366770-0-1

When You Give a Girl a Puppy...
Hardcover: ISBN: 978-1-7366770-6-3

Summer Island
Hardcover: ISBN: 978-1-7366770-9-4

Zorah the...Brave?
Hardcover: ISBN: 978-1-7366770-3-2

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**"If there's a book that you want to read,
but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it."**
— Toni Morrison

About Deborah C. Mortimer

Short Bio:

Deborah is an attorney and former homeschool parent with a passion for writing. Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Deborah was inspired by her son, as well as her young nieces and nephews to turn her passion for writing short stories and poems into crafting children's books. She is also the founder and owner of Leap Forward Publishing, LLC, an independent publishing company dedicated to producing diverse children's books that represent diverse voices.

Long Bio:

Deborah is an attorney and former homeschool parent with a passion for writing. Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Deborah was inspired by her son, as well as her young nieces and nephews to turn her passion for writing short stories and poems into crafting children's books. Understanding the importance of representation in children's literature and the need for diversity, Deborah is driven by her vision of bringing stories that feature relatable, inspiring, and diverse characters not only to the children in her life, but to children everywhere. Deborah's debut book, 'Zorah and the Very Big Question', was released in June 2021. Deborah also released 'When You Give a Girl a Puppy...' in 2022 which was featured on Ryan Reynold's new show 'Bedtime Stories with Ryan'. 'Summer Island', which was released in 2023, calls upon her Caribbean heritage and a Caribbean adventure to meet her father's family. Additionally, her most recent title, 'Zorah the...Brave?' was released in 2025, which calls upon her own experience in learning how to be brave and overcome her fears to try new things.

Deborah is also the founder and owner of Leap Forward Publishing, LLC, an independent publishing company dedicated to producing diverse children's books that represent diverse voices. She has appeared on several podcasts and has been a guest speaker, speaking on topics such as the importance of diversity and representation in children's literature, as well as brand development and protection for authors.

She's a member of SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators), NAWBO (National Association of Women Business Owners, Women's Media Group (WMG) and a proud and active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

"Children's books should mirror the children who read them AND be a window to the world around them."

- Deborah C. Mortimer