

Zorah the... Brave?

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About Zorah the..Brave?

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About Deborah C. Mortimer

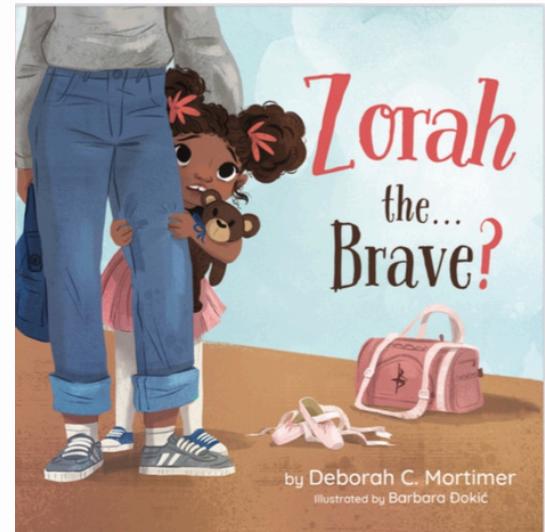
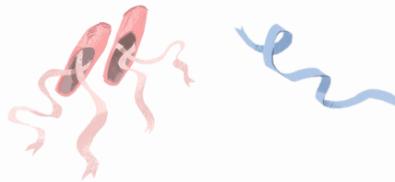
Deborah is a trademark attorney and former homeschool parent with a passion for writing. Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Deborah was inspired by her son, as well as her young nieces and nephews to turn her passion for writing short stories and poems into crafting children's books. She is also the founder and owner of Leap Forward Publishing, LLC, a book publishing imprint dedicated to developing and promoting books that focus on diversity and representation in children's literature.

“What makes this book particularly special is how it shows that bravery doesn't mean being fearless. Instead, through Zorah's experience... readers learn that courage means facing our fears one small step at a time.

The narrative sends an empowering message to young readers: that they too can overcome their shyness and find joy in new experiences.

It's a valuable resource for parents and educators looking to discuss topics like social anxiety, self-confidence, and the importance of trying new things with children.

-Author, Tiffany Obeng



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Who is this book for?

All Children Ages 5-9

"Zorah the...Brave?" Is for children who experience shyness or fear in new situations, providing a relatable story for both boys and girls. This book aims to empower young readers by showcasing Zorah's journey of self-discovery as she learns to confront her fears and embrace new experiences.

Readers will accompany Zorah on her adventure, witnessing her growth as she transforms her apprehension into courage. Through Zorah's story, children will gain valuable insights into the importance of stepping out of their comfort zones, fostering resilience, and understanding that small acts of bravery can lead to significant rewards. This engaging tale encourages children to believe in themselves and inspires them to take on their own challenges with confidence.



Teachers, Counselors & Librarians

This book serves as an educational tool by encouraging discussions around self-confidence and resilience for all grade levels, K-5. It explores bravery and personal growth, helping children see the value of stepping out of their comfort zones.

It fosters emotional expression and promotes conversations about facing fears, allowing children to share their feelings. The story may motivate them to speak to trusted adults about their challenges and provides tools for overcoming fears courageously. Additionally, it cultivates compassion and empathy, encouraging peer support. The narrative can inspire imaginative play and collaboration as children share their experiences. Overall, this book nurtures emotional intelligence and builds a supportive community in educational settings.

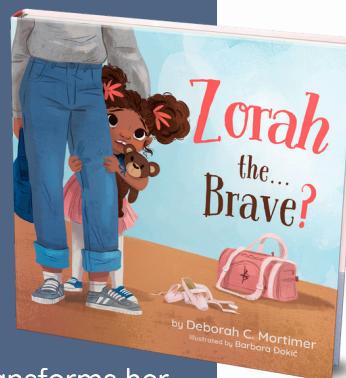
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What readers are saying:

What a refreshing experience! It effectively conveys themes of courage and self-discovery, making it a valuable addition to any educator's library.
-Elementary School Teacher

I found Zorah's story really relatable. It shows how facing fears can lead to growth, which is great for my very shy son. It inspired us to talk about bravery together!
-Samantha Jordan



Zorah's story may seem like it's about dance, but it's all about tackling fears. Such a relatable and uplifting read for both kids and adults!
-Colleen Camilo Rodriguez



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