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Leap Forward Publishing Unveils Deborah C. Mortimer's Highly Anticipated Children's Book, 'Summer Island'

New children's book celebrates Caribbean heritage and culture.

August 9, 2023: ALLENTOWN, PA – Leap Forward Publishing proudly announces the book release of its latest addition, *Summer Island*. Penned by author Deborah C. Mortimer, this delightful book, rich in imagery and spirit, paints a vibrant portrait of Caribbean heritage and culture. Readers of all ages will gain a new appreciation of the sun-soaked shores and rhythmic beats of island life.

Summer Island sends readers to the Caribbean, capturing its rich culture and vibrant experiences. We ride alongside a young girl as she visits her father's birthplace for the first time. Here we uncover new discoveries and incredible family connections, especially with her wise and beloved Granny. Ideal for K-5 students, the book promotes cultural appreciation, world exploration, and the values of family and community.

This children's book release comes at the heels of National Caribbean Heritage Month, which was celebrated in June. The engaging story strongly emphasizes the power of family ties. The author is herself a child of Caribbean parents. She uses this extraordinary story to celebrate her family, opening up a world of new experiences for readers of all ages and backgrounds to delve deeper into the diverse wonders of the islands.

The book launch for *Summer Island* is set for Thursday, August 24, 2023, from 4-6 pm at the cozy ambiance of The End Bookstore located at 3055 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA. This will be a rare chance to get to know the author on a personal level, gain unique insights into her writing process, and get their book copy signed.



Deborah C. Mortimer has carved a niche for herself in children's literature. Her books aren't just stories - they are experiences. Her previous work *Zorah and the Very Big Question*, focuses on the classic challenge of what kids want to be when they grow up. Readers follow Zorah as she explores how her strengths and interests relate to many professions like lawyer, scientist, ballerina or even president. This inspiring tale emphasizes the power of ambition, representation, and self-belief for readers of all ages.

Another well-known release includes *When You Give a Girl a Puppy...* chronicling the heartwarming journey of a girl and her puppy, emphasizing their deep bond and the growth of the girl's confidence and imagination. This book gained immense popularity and was even featured and read by Hollywood's beloved actor, Ryan Reynolds, on his heartwarming show, *Bedtime Stories with Ryan*.

Leap Forward Publishing, founded with the guiding principle of inclusivity, is proud to include Mortimer's latest release. As a leading force in highlighting stories that mirror the diverse experiences of children from every corner of the world, additions like *Summer Island* provide broader representation across the literary landscape.

Every child deserves to see themselves in the stories they read. Children's books are pivotal in shaping perceptions, understanding differences, and fostering respect. With its engaging narrative and mesmerizing visuals, *Summer Island* is poised to be an essential addition to bookshelves, libraries, and educational institutions.

For more information about Mortimer's incredible books and the upcoming *Summer Island* book launch, visit www.leapforwardbooks.com.

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About Leap Forward Publishing:

Leap Forward Publishing was born from a passion for storytelling and an earnest desire to spotlight diverse narratives. With a vision to craft books that serve as windows to the world, this diverse company empowers children of all backgrounds to see themselves and explore the stories of others.

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