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New Children's Book "What's Worrying Darwin?" Celebrates Autism Awareness Month and Promotes Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for Children

Chandler, Arizona, April 9, 2024 — Press 49 proudly announces the release of "[What's Worrying Darwin?](#)" by Bridgett McGowen-Hawkins and her son, Parker Hawkins. Launched intentionally during April, Autism Awareness Month, this captivating children's book is poised to become an essential resource for families and educators seeking diverse, equity-focused, and inclusive (DEI) materials for children. Published by Big Pencil Books, a division of Press 49, "What's Worrying Darwin?" is a visually stunning 42-page full-color book aimed at promoting empathy, understanding, and acceptance among young readers.

In "[What's Worrying Darwin?](#)" readers embark on a journey alongside nine-year-old Darwin, who grapples with understanding his classmate Bethany, who appears different to him. Through Darwin's exploration of empathy and self-awareness, young readers learn valuable lessons about embracing diversity and celebrating differences. This heartwarming tale not only entertains but also educates children about autism and the importance of inclusivity.



"We are thrilled to introduce 'What's Worrying Darwin?' during Autism Awareness Month," says co-author Bridgett McGowen-Hawkins. "This book serves as a beacon of inclusion, teaching children—and all people of all ages—that differences should be celebrated. It's an essential tool for fostering empathy and compassion from an early age and is a catalyst for building a more inclusive society."

Accompanying the story are invaluable resources designed to facilitate meaningful discussions about diversity, equity, and inclusion. These resources include essential information about autism, practical tips for engaging with individuals on the autism spectrum, and thought-provoking discussion questions suitable for families, classrooms, and book clubs.

"It's more than just a children's book; it's a conversation starter!" says Parker Hawkins, co-author and inspiration behind the character of Darwin.

The authors will be present at the American Library Association Annual Conference and Exhibition in San Diego from June 28 through July 2, where "What's Worrying Darwin?" will be showcased at the Independent Book Publishers Association Cooperative Booth.

With its engaging narrative, vibrant illustrations, and commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, "What's Worrying Darwin?" is destined to become a cornerstone of every elementary school and library collection. Join Darwin on his quest for empathy and understanding, and help spread the message that our differences are what make us truly special.

For more information about "What's Worrying Darwin?" and to purchase copies, visit www.press49.com/catalog/p/darwin

Note to editors: High-resolution images and review copies are available upon request. For interviews with the authors or further inquiries, please contact Press 49 at press49@press49.com or 833.PRESS49 (833-773-7749).

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Bridgett and Parker live with their family in Chandler, Arizona.

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