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Author: Maria Hoskins
Category: Children's Book's
Publisher: C & V 4 Seasons Publishing

Author Bio

Maria Hoskins has served as Community Outreach Specialist for the Federal Government for over 14 years and has been employed in the field of community outreach for over 25 years. During her tenure in federal service, she spent ten years as the Senior District Staff for Arkansas 2nd Congressional District Congressman, Vic Snyder, until his retirement in January 2011. She is a native of Mayflower, Arkansas and a graduate of Philander Smith College where she received a B.A. in English and Communications. Maria has published three children's books through her independent publishing company C & V 4 Seasons Publishing Company; and will release her fourth book, *My Easter Story* spring 2017. Maria begins her first children's book with a vision of Christmas Eve, at her grandmother's farm, recalling memories from a moment in time, on the meaning of Christmas. So, begins the touching stories of a girl's memories of her family's holiday season in the mid-1960s on a rural Arkansas farm. "I am excited to share my books with students throughout Arkansas! The purpose of my books are to share a happy memory from a moment in time, and to encourage young readers and writers that there is a book in all of us." She is married to Archie, has two children, Christina and Victoria, and is an active member of the Palarm Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Mayflower, Arkansas.



Maria Hoskins

Target Audience



WHO SHOULD READ

- Elementary School Students
- Jr. High School Students
- High School Students
- Parents and Guardians
- Teachers/Educators
- Everyone

BOOK BENEFITS

- Stronger Analytical Thinking Skills
- Vocabulary Expansion
- Memory Improvement
- Improved Focus and Concentration
- Better Writing Skills
- Entertainment



TESTIMONIALS



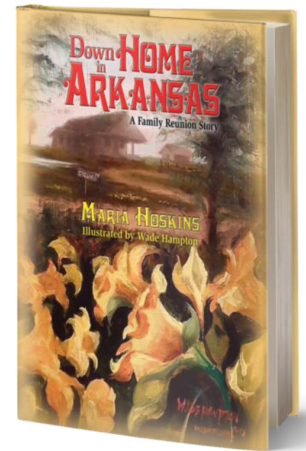
“GRANDMA'S Thanksgiving Dinner & Christmas Night on the Farm are excellent bed time stories for the holiday season. Maria Hoskins has captured the essence of the importance of everlasting family traditions and will help create fond memories for all.”

Garbo Watson Hearne, Director Pyramid Art, Books & Custom Framing



"Love having you and your book in our writing our lives memoir writing workshop, Maria Hoskins!"

Janis F. Kearney, Author of Daisy: Between a Rock and a Hard Place

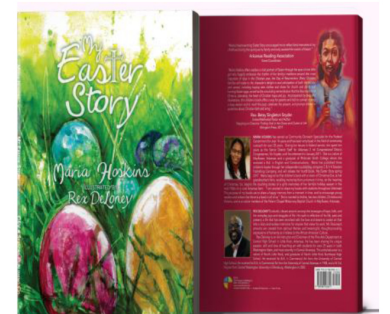


“Hoskins delivers another great family tradition in picture book form to follow up her Christmas Night on the Farm. In this story the family is gathering at Grandma’s farm for Thanksgiving. The table has been set with the good family china and silver, all in the proper places! Grandma has been cooking a feast to share with family and friends that are coming to celebrate the day. You can almost smell the roasting turkey and the baking pies as you turn the pages! Hoskins shares a slice of Thanksgiving traditions from her family in this picture book graced with lovely watercolor illustrations. Hoskins has included some questions at the end of the story so children can begin talking and writing about their own family Thanksgiving traditions. A fine story to share with your family!”

Amy Miller, MLS
Youth Collection Development Librarian
Central Arkansas Library System

Maria,
Thank you so much for coming today. You are just fabulous, wonderful, awesome and just a beautiful person. We so enjoyed your visit and everyone has been talking about your book. Thank you so much!

Judy Rogers
Eagle Mountain Magnet Elementary School
Health & Medical Science
Library Media Specialist



Christmas Night on the Farm

“No matter the reason, I find that with each passing Christmas, my story of the “Christmas Night on The Farm” is a story that needs to be shared more and more. Similar to the story, The Night before Christmas, This story is very touching!

God has placed it on my heart to write this book for future generations to read what I can tell the world. I believe the words will inspire someone to pass on the love to others. And it is, after all, my story.”

The Story

Maria begins this children’s book with a vision of Christmas Eve, at her grandmother’s farm, recalling memories from a moment in time, on the meaning of Christmas.

So, begins this touching story of the writer own childhood memories in her debut children’s book. Christmas Night on the Farm is the brilliantly illustrated story of a girl’s memories of her family’s holiday season in the mid-1960s on a rural Arkansas farm.



Author: Maria Hoskins

Illustrator: Lauren Crymes

- Publisher: C & V 4 Seasons Publishing
- Date: September 17, 2015
- Language: English
- ISBN: 978-0986403637

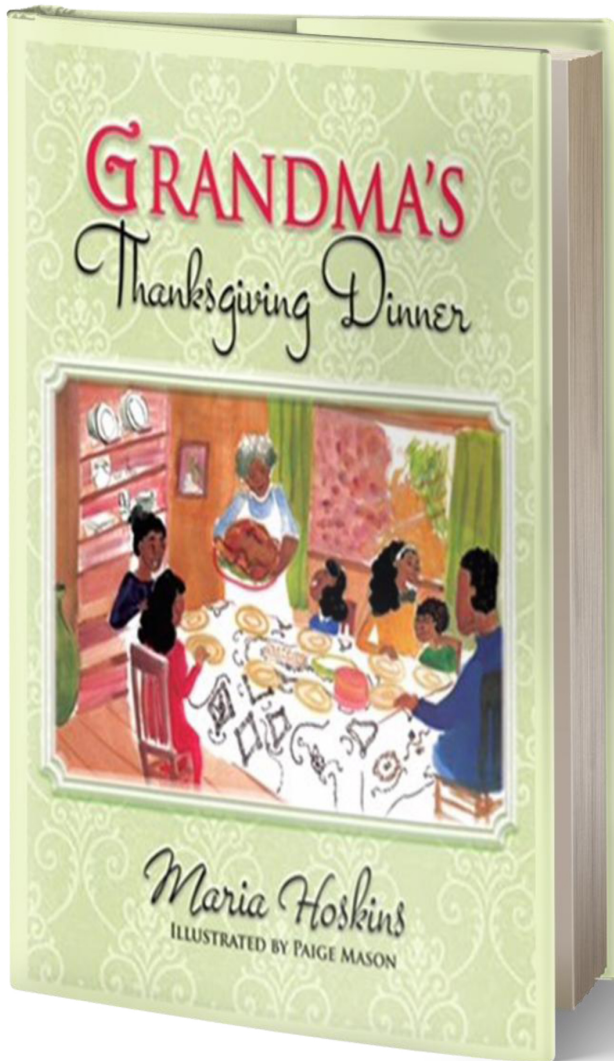
Grandmas Thanksgiving Dinner

Foreword by Janis F. Kearney

Maria Hoskins is a storyteller and educator whose books offer young readers a bird's-eye view of rural farm life. More than just delightful storytelling, Hoskins takes great care to ensure that her beautiful illustrations result in a meaningful and enjoyable relationship for children. Author of the 2014 *Christmas Night on the Farm*, Maria Hoskins has once again brought her magical childhood memories of holidays on the farm to young readers in her new book, *Grandma's Thanksgiving Dinner*.

Here, Hoskins shares memories of crisp autumn days on an Arkansas farm populated by a loving family and farm animals. Thanks to Hoskins vivid memories, young readers will surely imagine waking up on Thanksgiving morning on the rural farm, feeling the warmth of the potbellied stove, and hearing the unique sounds from the barn that can only be heard on a farm.

Grandma's Thanksgiving Dinner is a special treat for children with no experience of farm life. They will be drawn into a world filled with love, doting parents, guardians and community members, and lively farm animals. Hoskins aptly shares a brief history lesson with her young readers about rural America and the age-old traditions of farm.



Author: Maria Hoskins

Illustrator: Paige Mason

- Publisher: C&V 4 Seasons Publishing
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- ISBN: 978-0986403644

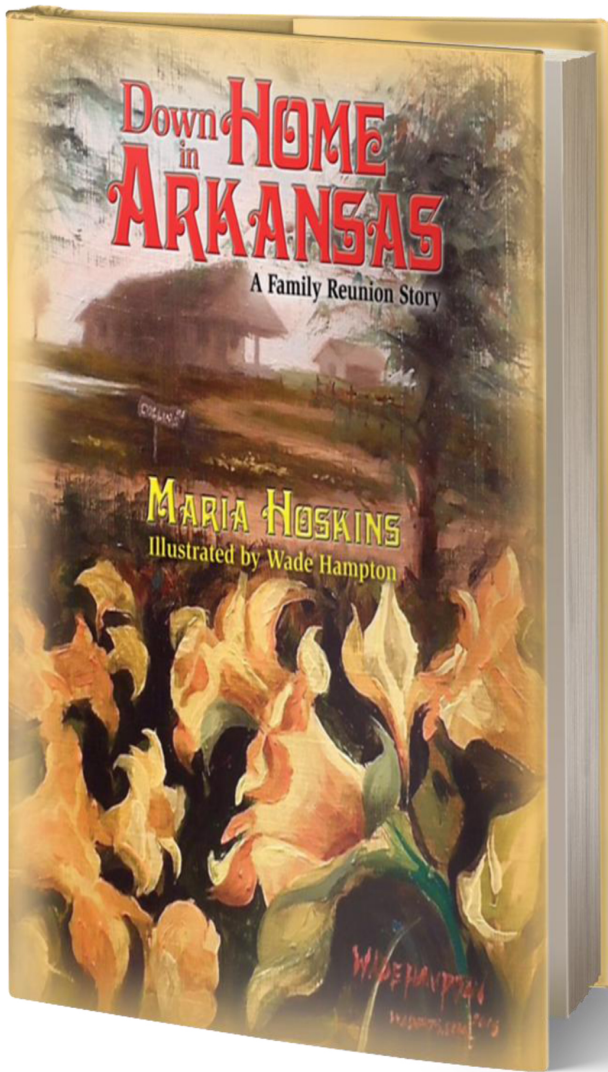
Down Home in Arkansas

A Family Reunion Story

As winter turns to spring and spring to summer it brings with it the change in season and the family reunion tradition. Families all over the world come together for some as much as once a year to reunite, socialize, strengthen family ties and relationships, and learn about family history.

Such is the tradition with the writer's family. Maria Hoskins recalls how fun, exciting, and entertaining her family is during the bi-annual family reunion holiday. Maria hopes each reader will enjoy her family reunion story and draw on the commonality readers will experience as they associate their family reunion with the writer's family reunion story.

Down Home in Arkansas, A Family Reunion Story allows the reader a vehicle to drive the lanes of their historical landscape. The view includes historical context connecting the driver to times past while introducing current visions of the same lanes of history. It promotes fluidity of conversation between generations while exposing the connection between generations.



Author: Maria Hoskins

Illustrator: Wade Hampton

- Hardcover: 48 pages
- Publisher: C&V 4 Seasons Publishing
- Language: English
- ISBN: 978-0986403620

Rhonda Stewart

Genealogy & Local History Specialist

Central Arkansas Library System

Butler Center for Arkansas Studies

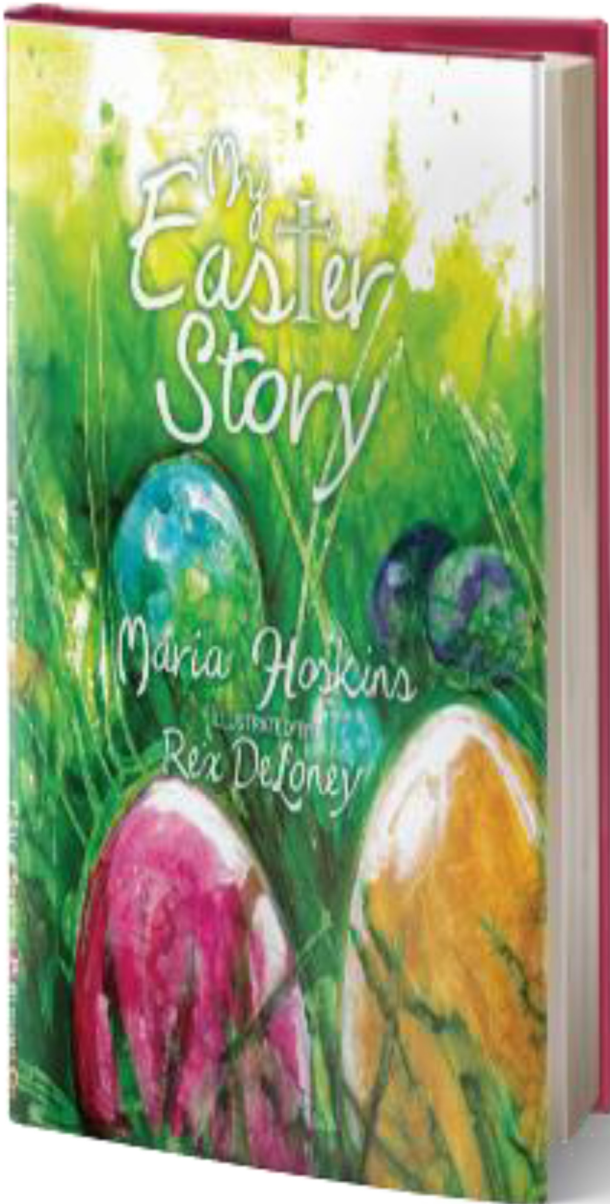
January 11, 2016

My Easter Story

Some family traditions we carry with us from childhood into our adult lives. The memories are stored in the very depth of our souls. As children it did not matter ones' religion, race, or social status; holidays may be celebrated in different ways, but we have that common thread; we celebrate with our loved ones and create memories that last a lifetime.

Easter is one of the holidays that may take on a different name depending on religion, place of residence, or ethnic culture, but the traditional celebrations are similar.

Such is the tradition with the writer's family. Maria Hoskins recalls how fun, exciting, and special Easter preparation and Easter Sunday activities were during her childhood, especially at her Grandmother's house. Maria hopes each reader will enjoy her Easter story and recall those moments when things like finding a basket of colored and candy eggs felt and tasted like there was nothing else better in the whole wide world.



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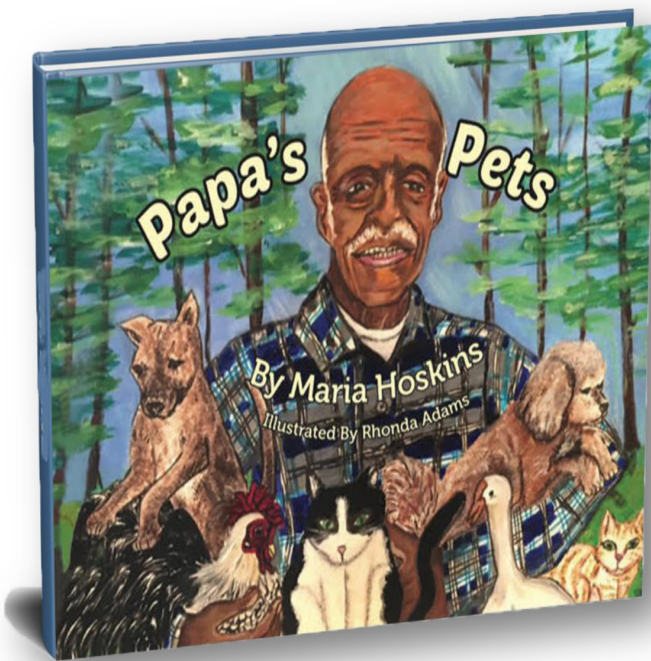
Illustrator: Rex DeLoney

- Publisher: C&V 4 Seasons Publishing
- Language: English
- ISBN: 978-0-9864036-5-1

Papa's Pets

Have you ever known someone with a heart so kind that even the animals have an unconditional bond with that person? Well, *Papa's Pets* tells the story of the author's papa who has that Dr. Doolittle effect. The house pets and even some wild woodland animals connect to Papa in such a way it will make you scratch your head in disbelief.

Papa's Pets is a fictional story, but it symbolizes an account of a day in the life of Papa Gill and his dog JR. Papa Gill's kind nature and spirit transcend to the animals and to his community. Children will gain an understanding that true kindness is a virtue that extends from one's heart to all of one's surroundings. This book also includes a writing exercise for young readers to write about their own pet experience. Papa's Pets, is available for pre-orders. Book release event June 1, 2018 at Pyramid Art Books and Custom Framing, 5:30 pm



Author: Maria Hoskins

Illustrator: Rhonda Adams

- Publisher: C&V 4 Seasons Publishing
- Language: English
- ISBN: 978-0986403668

MEDIA

ArkansasOnline

Arkansasonline.com
Former congressional aide
writes children's book

Last year, Hoskins went on a search for a book that represented her memories of Christmas at her grandmother's on the farm in Mayflower. She went to see friend Garbo Hearne, who owns Pyramid Art, Books & Custom Framing and Hearne Fine Art in Little Rock. "I said, 'I want a book something like *The Night Before Christmas*, but more like I grew up,'" Hoskins said she told Hearne. She wanted it to be fun for kids and also talk about the birth of Jesus. "After I whined and fussed and griped, she said, 'Maria, just go write the book,'" Hoskins said. One night, after everyone else was in bed, Hoskins said she started thinking about it, and she was filled with happiness. "Mama always made Christmas fun, but being at Grandma's house was special fun," she said.

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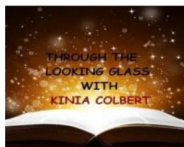
TheCabin.net
Mayflower resident pens
first children's book

Maria Hoskins of Mayflower could not find the book she was looking for, so she wrote it herself. A community outreach specialist for the federal government for 25 years, Hoskins found herself becoming a children's author when she went looking for a book depicting a Christmas like the ones she used to enjoy as a child. "I had a wonderful childhood," she said. "Going to grandma's house, staying on the farm. I always heard the story of the real meaning of Christmas."



Europeangeeks.com
Author Spotlight:
Maria Hoskins

I am excited to share my first book with students throughout Arkansas! The purpose of this book is to share a happy memory from a moment in time, the meaning of Christmas, and to encourage young readers and writers that there is a book in all of us. Writing a book was not planned. I had no thoughts of writing a book. A project that started as a gift to my mother, turned into a children's book project. I have always enjoyed poetry. I am sure this is why I chose to write "Christmas Night on the



Through the Looking Glass with Kinia Colbert
Internet Radio interview with Author Maria Hoskins



KABF on the air with Patrick Oliver
Radio interview with Author Maria Hoskins

2015 EVENTS

Date: September 11, 2015
Location: Memphis, TN
Note: Meet the Author

Date: September 18 – 19, 2015
Location: Paul Laurence Dunbar
Neighborhood Little Rock, AR
Note: Paul Laurence Dunbar Community
Festival

Date: September 26, 2015
Note: Faulkner County Library 4th Annual
Author's Fair

Date: October 15, 2015
Location: South Main ~ Little Rock, AR
Note: Author Reception

Date: October 23, 2015
Location: Pyramid Art, Books, and Custom
Framing
Note: Grandma's Thanksgiving Dinner Book
release reception

Date: November 7, 2015
Location: Pyramid Art, Books, and Custom
Framing
Note: BOABAB Story Time

Date: November 7, 2015
Location: Abundant Blessing Day Care
Conway, Arkansas
Note: book signing and reading

Date: November 8, 2015
Location: Rock of Ages Church ~ North Little
Rock, AR
Note: book signing and reading

Date: November 8, 2015
Location: Central AR Library System
Note: Book Fair

Date: November 13, 2015
Location: Greenbrier Elementary School

Date: November 16, 2015
Huntsville School District

Date: November 19, 2015
Location: Gibbs Little Rock Magnet School

Date: November 24, 2015
Location: Batesville School District

Date: December 6, 2015
Location: Mosaic Templars Cultural Center
Note: Holiday Open House

Date: December 12, 2015
Location: Hastings, Conway

Date: December 16, 2015
Location: Pleasant Branch Baptist Church
Conway, AR

Date: December **19, 2015**
Location: Daisy Bates Elementary Book
Note: Reading and Signing

Date: December 19, 2015
Location: Knowledge Tree ~ Little Rock, AR
Note: Book signing event

Date: December 19, 2015
Location: ACH- Ronald McDonald House
Note: Book Reading

Date: December 20, 2015
Location: Pyramid Art, Books and Custom
Framing ~ Little Rock, Arkansas
Note: Book Reading

Date: December 23, 2015
Location: Praise 102.5
Note: Radio Interview

2016 EVENTS

Date: April 3 - 5, 2016
Location: Springdale, AR
Note: Annual AAIM Conference

Date: May 6-7, 2016
Location: El Dorado, AR
Note: Preservation of African American Cemeteries

Date: May 9, 2016
Location: Avondale Elementary School
West Memphis, AR
Note: Author Visit

Date: May 12, 2016
Location: Discovery Day Arkansas State Park
Note: Author Visit

Date: May 16, 2016
Location: Gibbs Magnet
Little Rock, AR
Note: Author Visit

Date: May 21, 2016
Location: Sistahs of Color Book Club
Little Rock, AR
Note: Book Reading

Date: May 21, 2016
Location: Lighthouse Christian Book Store
Conway, Arkansas
Note: Vendor Setup

Date: June 11, 2016
Location: LRCH Visitor Center
North Little Rock, AR
Note: Book Discussion/Reading

Date: June 18, 2016
Location: Knowledge Tree
West Memphis, AR
Note: Book Discussion/Reading

Date: June 17, 2016
Location: Pyramid Art Books and Custom Framing - Little Rock, AR
Note: Author Reception

Date: July 9, 2016
Location: Knowledge Tree
Little Rock, AR
Note: Book Signing

Date: September 10, 2016
Location: Mid-South Book Festival
Note: Panel/Book Signing

Date: September 30, 2016
Location: Arkansas Beautification Society
Gallery – Conway, AR
Note: Panel/Book Signing

Date: October 1, 2016
Location: Conway City Hall
Conway, AR
Note: Book Reading

Date: October 17, 2016
Location: UAPB
Pine Bluff, AR
Note: Book Review

Date: October 26, 2016
Location: UALR
Little Rock, AR
Note: Women-Owned Business Discussion Forum

Date: November 17-18, 2016
Location: Literacy Conference
Little Rock, AR
Note: Book Reading

Date: December 4, 2016
Location: Mosaic Templars
Little Rock, AR
Note: book signing and reading

Date: December 10, 2016
Location: Faulkner County Library
Note: Author Visit

Date: December 17, 2016
Location: Plantation Agriculture Museum
Scott, AR
Note: Holiday Event

2017 EVENTS

Date: March 2, 2017

Location: Russellville, AR

Note: Pope County Library,

Date: March 4, 2017

Location: SW Little Rock, AR

Note: St Andrews

Date: March 11, 2017

Location: Afro-American Historical
Genealogical Society Arkansas Chapter

Note: Author Visit

Date: March 25, 2017

Location: Pyramid Art Books and Custom
Framing

Note: "My Easter Story" Book Release Event

Date: March 28, 2017

Location: Mountain Home, AR

Note: Donald Reynolds Children's Library

Date: April 8, 2017

Location: Promenade Center

Note: Easter Event and Book Signing

Date: April 8, 2017

Location: McCain Mall, NLR, AR

Note: Easter Book Signing

Date: April 15, 2017

Location: Pyramid Art Books and Custom
Framing

Note: Baobab Story Time

Date: April 29, 2017

Location: Memphis, TN

Note: Bookstock – Benjamin Hooks Library

Date: May 6, 2017

Location: Oley E. Rooker Library, 11 Otter
Creek Ct. Little Rock

Note: Book Discussion/Reading

Date: May 12-13, 2017

Location: Petit Jean State Park, Morrilton, AR

Note: Writing Our World Writers Conference

Date: July 8, 2017

Location: Plantation Agriculture Museum,
Scott, AR

Note: Home Goods Day

Date: July 17-21, 2017

Location: St Thomas, Virgin

Note: Book Signing

Date: September 23, 2017

Location: Little Rock

Note: Paul L. Dunbar Community Festival,
Author Showcase

Date: October 2, 2017

Location: Danvillie High School

Note: Literacy Night

Date: November 8, 2017

Location: Youth Advocates & Resource
Network, Dalton Whetstone Boys & Girls Club,
Little Rock, AR

Note: Author Showcase

Date: November 16, 2017

Location: Arkansas Author ARA Conference -
Arkansas

Note: Author Panel Session

Date: November 18, 2017

Location: Pyramid Art Books and Custom
Framing Little Rock, AR

Note: Story Time

Date: December 2, 2017

Location: Rally for Education

Note: Book Signing

2018 EVENTS

Date: March 17, 2018
Location: Hillary R. Clinton Library
Note: Arkansas Racial History: Wright it Right

Date: April 1, 2018
Location: KISS AM
Note: Meet the author - Family Reading Night

Date: May 24, 2018
Location: - Dunbar Community Center
Note: The Youth Writing & History Immersion Workshop's

Date: June 1, 2018
Location: Pyramid Art Books and Custom Framing
Note: Papa's Pets Book Release Event

Date: September 13, 2018
Location: Second Baptist Church
Note: "Ladies Night of Elegance" vendor setup

Date: November 12, 2018
Location: Avenue Elementary
Note: Papa's Pet Book Reading

Date: November 15-16, 2018
Location: Marriott Hotel Little Rock
Note: ARA's annual Literacy Conference

Date: December 12, 2018
Location: Florence Mattison Elementary
Note: Presentation

Date: December 19, 2018
Location: Watershed, Little Rock
Note: Prasie Radio Interview

Date: March 24, 2018
Location: Mosaic Templars Cultural Center
Note: Easter Book Signing

Date: April 26, 2018
Location: University of Arkansas at Monticello
Note: Girls in STEM

Date: May 26, 2018
Location: African Day Fest Main Street Little Rock
Note: Vendor Setup

Date: June 16, 2018
Location: Pyramid Art Books and Custom Framing
Note: Papa's Pets Story Time

Date: November 12, 2018
Location: Broadmoor Elementary
Note: Papa's Pet's Book Reading

Date: November 12, 2018
Location: W.T. Cheney Elementary
Note: Papa's Pet's Book Reading

Date: December 3, 2018
Location: KABF radio, Little Rock
Note: Interview

Date: December 12, 2018
Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas
Note: Book Club, Presentation

Date: December 22, 2018
Location: Pyramid Art, Books and Custom Framing
Note: Storytime Christmas Night On The Farm



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C&V 4 Seasons Publishing website
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Local:

Pyramid, Art, Books and Custom Framing, Little Rock, AR
Mosaic Templars, Little Rock, AR
Pinnacle Mountain State Park, Little Rock, AR
Plantation Agriculture Museum, Scott, AR
Central High National Park Museum, Little Rock, AR
Parkin Archeological State Park
That Bookstore, Blytheville, AR
Knowledge Tree, Memphis, TN
Knowledge Tee, Little Rock, AR
Arkansas State Capitol Gift Store
Ephaeus Book Store, Pine Bluff, AR
Chattel House Books, St. Michael, Barbados
Heifer Project International Gift Shoppe, Little Rock, AR
Arkansas Children's Hospital Gift shop, Little Rock, AR



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