

BELIEVE MAGAZINE

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Letter from the Editor

Welcome back to another AWESOME issue of Believe Magazine!

We are SO excited about finally publishing this issue! Our staff has been waiting to get back together and brainstorming to make an AMAZING magazine! Our staff has had a few additions:

☑ Aaron, 4th grade

☑ Emma, 4th grade

☑ Carley, 7th grade

The productivity of this group is great! We have fun laughing and working; doing what we love.

We work hard and deliver our best work for you to enjoy. Have a happy Spring Break!!!!

God Bless,

Katharine

Editor, Believe Magazine

From God's Eyes

By: Anna

From God's eyes everyone is the same. It doesn't matter what they look like or what their personalities are. He doesn't care that one person may be tall or short. He likes everyone the way they are. He sees the world as a happy place where everyone can live. He sees the world as a place where people should enjoy themselves. He doesn't care what race or nation they are from. He thinks that

everyone should be treated with love and respect. He sees everyone as a friend, as an equal. From God's eyes.

How you can be like God is by helping those in need. Donating anything you don't need to charities. Being a friend and including everyone in what you are doing. Saying "yes" to people who ask you if they can play. Not being a bully. Sticking up for your friends and everyone. Playing with someone who looks like they need a friend. Showing people respect. Finally saying yes to God and treating Him with respect

Patience

By Lauren

Patience

Patience

It's a gift

Be it and your faith will lift

Every time you have a moment

Think patience

Not its opponent

Anger will drag you away

It will lead you to dismay

Always be a patient person

It is hard but it is worth it

It brings families close together

Close no matter what the weather

Anger fills you with distress

Patience brings pure happiness

Sarah's Miracle

BY: Erin

Sarah and her family are not very wealthy. Sarah's family lives in a car. She can't eat anything, except for half eaten food that's in the dump. It doesn't taste very good, but if she doesn't eat anything she will die.

Sarah has long blonde hair and is very short. Her brother Brian is scared because their mother is very ill. So, there is nobody to take care of them. Neither of them has ever heard of Christmas, and

they've never gotten a gift from anyone. And, want to know how this started? Well, their dad took every cent away to become famous! Sarah and Brian did not appreciate their dad doing that. He was the most selfish man in the world! Now he is famous for his wealth. Sarah saw him on the TV's in a store when she was heading to the dump to get some food for her mother. Brian was racing behind. Sarah stopped to watch as she told Brian, "Go get Mom. She has to see this!"

Brian replied "But she's-"

"Just go!" Sarah cut in.

So Brian went to get their mother. She came and when she saw the TV's she was flabbergasted. "Come on let's go back to the car." *(To be continued in the next issue of Believe.)*

Do All You Can Do To Help

(a young slave's journal)

April 5th, 1616

Hello, my name is Carly Welding. I am at my home in Alabama. I am living in the slave times, and I am a slave. It's the most terrible thing you can ever imagine! My brother got whipped yesterday, April 4th, 1616, just for having a droplet of water. UH OH!!! Someone is coming!!!!

Carly Welding

April 17th, 1616

Good morning! I had a great night's sleep. You say HOW!?! All of us snuck out last night after all their chores and all the girls' night blankets and pillows. And all the boys made pretty decent beds- at least they were good enough for us. I have to clean up a mess later on, and wait on hand and foot for some lady. UGG!!

Carly Welding

Prayer Poem

By: Erin

Pray

It is good to pray

Everyday

You should know that God loves you

and your family does too

Praying is a good thing

If you say everything!

ALOHA: part I

By Gracie

It was a bright, sunny summer day in Oahu, Hawaii, when a 12 year old girl named Arizona Obrigado was surfing on the beach near her home. Arizona had lived in Hawaii for nine years. When she was three, her family moved to Oahu from Phoenix, Arizona. Arizona had two sisters, Tori and Narini. Narini was adopted from Portugal. She had two brothers named Erik and Kipling. Their parents were divorced. Arizona's mom had gotten remarried and that's why they had moved to Hawaii. Here is her story.

“Hey, York! Watch out!” said Arizona to her best friend, York Ehert, as she crashed onto shore.

“Oopsy daisy,” sneered Kathryn, Kohl, and Katrina, the school bullies of Oahu Middle School.

Arizona checked her watch. “Gotta run. Time for dinner.” Arizona ran as fast as she could to her house. She jumped through the screen door and her mom caught her before she hit the floor.

“Whoa, kiddo!” said mom. Kurt walked in at that moment. Kurt was Arizona’s stepdad.

“Your dinner is getting cold,” he said flatly.

“Sorry, I, um, didn’t mean to be late.” Arizona sat at the table next to Kipling. Kipling was telling everyone how he scored a goal in soccer that day. Arizona ate quickly and ran up to her room.

Mom walked in and sat down on Arizona’s bed. “How’d your first day of summer vacation go?”

“Fine, until I remembered Kurt.”

“Oh, well, sweetheart. Guess what? You are going to visit your dad this coming week!” Arizona was FLABBERGASTED! (*To be continued in the next issue of Believe*)

The Nocturnus

Book 1 The Nocturnus Express

I am Chaos. This is my story. I was minding my own beeswax in the plains of my home planet, Hadea, when a large what-do-you-call-it, Drakon, which is a large serpent, appeared. I took a branch from a nearby tree and whacked it in the head. There must have been something weird about that branch because the Drakon turned to dust on impact with the branch. And next thing I know, I am on what looked like a Train Station.

Then a lizard-person said, ‘Look the train is coming!’ And sure enough it was.

Look for more letters from Chaos later in this issue.

"Fine, take our baby. But we'll be back for her! She is the Chosen One!" shouts Sydney, her voice raising as she spoke.

"I will! And I'll start my own life as a normal human being! Scootinto, give me a ride!" Belimes jumps onto the black sparrow's back.

"Romoco stays with me! I should at least be able to keep one child!" says Queen Sydney.

King Belimes flies off on Scootinto, carrying the beloved 'Chosen One', Amondina Kep.

"No matter how much you deny it, you and Amondina will always be Sacrods! Always! And you'll never be a regular person, Belimes!" shouts Sydney as Belimes and the black sparrow ride away with Amondina.

Within a year, Belimes was riding away in a carriage with his new found wife, Elaine Wix. Elaine was a tall, thin figured lady. She had long brown locks that fell below the shoulder and had dark brown eyes, almost the color of dark chocolate. She often wore long sweaters with leggings and short boots. Elaine was beautiful, though she was a smoker which gave her a low, mean sounding, raspy voice.

Nine months after the wedding, Amondina's little brother Billy was born, named after Belimes who now claimed his name, Bill - which is Belimes in English.

Amondina was no longer the little girl's name either. 'Bill' claimed her name to be Amanda - Amondina in English.

Lost Island

By Lauren

PROLOGUE

King Belimes Kep - a very tall man with slick black hair and navy blue-like eyes - stood in the Great Castle Hall in an argument with his wife, Queen Sydney Kep. "I must take her! She's not safe here!"

"This is her home, Belimes! She has to stay! We'll protect her!"

"No! Sydney, it is too dangerous for her to stay here in Lost Island! The Demonoids are after her!" cries Belimes.

For twelve years, Amanda lived an incredibly normal life - that is, until one day, when she got a very unexpected visit from a very unexpected visitor.

To be continued in the next issue of Believe Magazine

LETTERS FROM VENTUS

The Nocturnus Express

Shadows of the Past, Part 1 of 3 Series 2.0. The Quadeson Wars

Well, I think it's about time you learned about my friends. My best friend's name was Forge Cedpoi. He could build anything out of anything. We did everything together. But he disappeared one day, brainwashed by Quadeson. Little did I know he was now the director of Operation: Forge, an evil plan devised by Quadeson himself! Now I should tell you about Hadea. It was much like earth. It's capital was Hadeopolis, dominated by Hadea Spire, the tallest building in the

Universe, about 100,000 times taller than Burj Dubai, the tallest building on your planet. I plan to go back there after the war.

Ten Fun Things to do on Spring Break

By Emily

1. Go to a local pool and have fun in sun!
2. If you are near a beach find seashells and sand and make a collage.
3. Go to a library and discover a new fact every day
4. Go shopping!
5. Wake up early and go take a walk
6. Swim!
7. Eat ice cream!
8. Meet new friends!
9. Eat Popsicles!
10. Have fun 😊😊😊😊😊😊

Letters from Ventus

The Nocturnus Express

Shadows of the Past: Part 2 of 3 Series 2.0. The Quadeson Wars

Now I am traveling to the fortress of Icles, the home of the ice monsters. When I arrived at the city gates the doors were wide open, as if they were expecting me to be there. As I came to the town center, Icacleston, the tribe chief, strode up to me. O how I wished I had my scythe. After dodging several ice bolts that came whirling through the air from his palm, I picked up a javelin off the ground and hurled it at Icacleston. The projectile bounced harmlessly off his chest, but it did make a very small dent in his armor. Then I took a small, fallen ice bolt off the ground and threw it at him. It collided with the dent in his armor and broke through. One of the most powerful monsters in the universe turned to dust and was blown away by the icy wind.

Yours Truly,

Daedalus

Dear Harmony

Dear Harmony,

I don't get to go anywhere on Spring Break! I'll have nothing to do... do you have any ideas of what I could do?

- Spring Break Boredom

Dear Spring Break Boredom,
Well, it all depends on what you like to do, but here are a couple ideas. One is you could ask your parents if maybe you could go to a camp over Spring Break. There are acting camps, YMCA camps, and so many others. A second thing you could do is find some beach towels, sunglasses, and summer stuff and dress up your room as a beach. Then you could invite your friends over and have a BEACH PARTY! Make sure you have beach food! Hope your spring break doesn't bring you boredom,

Harmony

Dear Harmony,
I am very sad. My friends aren't going to camp the same week as me. I will be so alone!

- Camp Loner

Dear Camp Loner,

This has happened to me before. Lots of people go to camp alone. You'll meet nice people. Become friends with them. Everyone wants friends!

Enjoy finding friends,

Harmony

Dear Harmony,
I can't stop thinking about summer. When the teacher says open your Math Book, I am looking out the window at the baseball field. When the teacher says read your book, I am thinking about swimming at Ridgemoor Pool. Help!

- Summer Girl

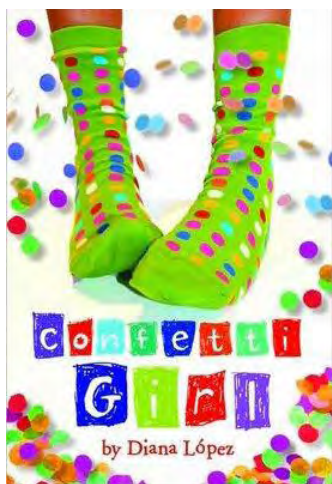
Dear Summer Girl,

I can't wait for summer too! But we all have to get through school. How I do this is by saying if I get through this year without thinking about summer I get a treat. Or you could make summer things combine with math! 5 beach balls need to be divided with 10 people. Read summer books! Hope Summer comes soon for you,

Harmony

Diana Lopez Interview

By: Coletta



1. What's your favorite part about being an author?

I love figuring out who my characters are. Learning about them is just like learning about new friends. You have to spend time with them and see how they react in different situations. Even though they come from my imagination, they really are alive in their own way. I also love to do public readings because it gives me a chance to meet people who have enjoyed my book.

2. Who inspired you to be an author?

Early on, I picked up writing on my own, but in high school, I had a teacher named Ms. Sullivan who really encouraged me. She was the first person who made me think I had the talent to write. I graduated 25 years ago, but we still keep in touch. She was so excited when I sent her my book.

3. When did you know you wanted to be an author?

I started writing in a journal when I was in middle school. Then I quit but picked it up again when I was a senior in high school. I've been writing ever since. But writing in a journal is private. I don't have stories in there. I decided to try writing stories for publication after I got my teaching certificate. Seven years passed between my decision and my first published book.

4. When did you start writing Confetti Girl?

I started writing it in 2005. I spent about 5 or 6 months on the first draft. Then I spent about 1 1/2 years revising it. It didn't come out till 2009, so the whole process took 4 years. I don't know if a lot of people understand how long the process is. You have to really love writing because it takes a long time to finish a book and then more time to get it published.

5. How did you pick Spanish as your background for the families in Confetti Girl?

I used my own background. I grew up in Lina's neighborhood. She and I went to the same middle school. The cascarones are a tradition my family enjoys every year. They say, "Write what you know," and that's what I did.

6. Was anyone in your family an author?

No, I'm the first author. I am also the first in my family to graduate from college. I'm happy to say that now a lot of my cousins have also graduated from college. I'm very proud of all of them.

7. Who's your favorite character in Confetti Girl?

I had to live in Lina's mind for so long, so I guess she's my favorite. But, Ms. Cantu is a favorite too. Her craziness just makes me laugh. Every time I had

to write a scene with her, I knew I was going to have a good time.

8. Are you thinking about writing any new books/series?

I just finished a book called BREATH SISTERS. It is also for middle school readers, but it has a whole different cast. Here's my tagline: Breath sisters . . . like blood brothers, only more dangerous.

Erica Kirov Interview By: Coletta

1. Q: What's your favorite part about being an author?

A: I really like to get to work in my pajamas. I have a job where I can make things up and stay home and get paid to imagine! I think that's the greatest job in the world.

2. Q: When did you know you wanted to be an author?

A: I wanted to write since I could hold a pen. I remember writing stories when I was in second grade. But originally I wanted to be a vet. Now, instead of being a vet, I have a lot of pets--I have two dogs, a cat, a cockatoo, a python (it's really my son's--I

have to be honest that the snake creeps me out), an African pygmy hedgehog (Just like Nick in the book!), and a goldfish. So anyway . . . I then thought I would become a doctor, but one day my father said, "You know, you're a really good writer. Why don't you think about doing that?" And I was in high school and for the first time I thought seriously about writing for a living.

3. Q: Did anyone inspire you to be an author?

A: I don't know . . . I liked a lot of women authors when I was younger. And I had an English teacher in high school that made me love literature more than anything.

4. Q: When did you start writing the Magickeepers series?

A: I started the series over four years ago.

5. Q: How did you come up with Magickeepers?

A: I thought . . . what if the magicians you see in Las Vegas and on TV were somehow REAL magicians. And then I invented this story about these clans of magicians hunting for magical relics. Because my grandmother was from Russia (the character of the Grand Duchess is based on her a little bit), I made the idea about Russian Magickeepers.

6. Q: Are you thinking about writing another book other than Magickeepers?

A: I am working on an idea right now about ninjas, but it is top-secret. :-)

7. Q: When did you start writing?

A: I have written stories since I was very little, but I started seriously trying to write and learn about writing in college.

8. Q: Was anyone in your family an author?

A: No . . . I am the first one.

9. Q: How did you pick Russia for the history of your story?

A: My father's family are all from Russia. When I was younger, I would hear stories about Russia from them.

10. Q: Is anyone in your family Russian?

A: My dad . . . my grandma on that side (but she died a few years ago). Her name was Fanya.

11. Q: Who's your favorite character?

A: My favorite character is Theo. I think he is my favorite because he really IS the best Magickeeper, but he is humble and chooses to devote himself to educating Nick and Isabella.

12. Q: Where's your favorite place to write?

A: I have an office that is bright and sunny. When I look outside, there is a big tree, and then beyond that a small creek. All around me are pictures of my family and lots of trinkets and things I have collected over the years.

It's made special just for you

Everything I say is true

Choose your toppings

Choose them good

Do it 'cause you know you should

Subway - Eat Fresh

By: Lauren

Hoagies

Hoagies

Subs and soup

Fresh chicken straight from the coop

I'm talking about Subway

Eat fresh

Eat Subway all day

They serve breakfast

Lunch

And dinner

Their food'll make you quite thinner

St. Paul the Apostle

By Emily

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Please don't blame me

Blame those kids

This isn't who I want to be

Forgive me now

I say my prayers

I cry each death

But no one cares

Except for me

I'm sorry friend

I'm sorry that your life came to end

The Guilty Blender

By Lauren

I am so sorry

Poor sweet fruit

You have done nothing

Yet I hurt you

It's not my fault

They pressed the button

What I do

I kill for nothin'

I didn't mean it

I never do

You know us blenders

We don't mean to

Flower

By Emily

**There was a flower, oh so
sweet,**

**It smells just like a purple
peep,**

**It was so nice and yellow,
Just like a tiny golden
marshmallow,**

**I wanted to eat it so very
bad,**

**But I didn't have it, boy, I
am mad.**

Flower Magnets

By Emily

You will need:

- Craft foam sheets in various colors

- Pen
- Scissors
- Tacky glue
- Magnet strip(s)

How to make it:

1. Draw a flower pattern on the foam sheet. Cut out.
2. Draw the middle of the flower (circle) and cut out.
3. Glue the two pieces together and the magnet on the back. Let dry.
4. Display and enjoy!



Horses

By: Erin

I hope
you