

2019 Fort Worth BookFest Author Interview Series



... with **Belinda Mays**, author of *My Amazing Dad* and other books

Where is your favorite place to read?

I am a busy mother of three and most of the time I read in the bathtub at the end of the day. However, my preferred place to read is outside by the pool or on the beach because water is amazingly therapeutic.

What is your favorite book to give an adult or a child?

My favorite books to give to new parents are “Where is Baby’s Belly Button?” and “Goodnight Moon”. For Pre-K kids, my book “7 Days With Daddy” makes a great gift as well.

What books do you return to most often, whether passages or whole?

I love sharing funny stories and poems with my kids. One of my favorite poetry books is “Everything on Top” by Shel Silverstein and *Garlic Breath* is my favorite piece.

What is the last book that had you reading past your bedtime?

I recently discovered urban romance and “Be Careful What You Wish For” by Monica Walters was a guilty pleasure that had me up until the wee hours of the night.

Who made reading important to you?

My mother, Joyce Booker, owned a daycare for over 15 years and we not only read books, but we were encouraged to make up our own stories and songs as well. She inspired me to be a reader and a storyteller.

BONUS QUESTION: What is your favorite book set in the southwest?

Currently my 10-year-old and I are reading Beth Bowland’s “To Billie, With Love” and it is becoming one of our favorites. We also loved reading “Gone Crazy in Alabama” by Rita Williams-Garcia this past Spring.

Author Bio

Belinda Mays is an author, speaker, and IT professional. Her writing style captivates children while entertaining adults. She is the author of three children’s books; *My Amazing Dad*, *7 Days With Daddy*, and *I Am, God’s Affirmations For Little Girls*.

Belinda is also a published poet and an award-winning speaker. Her synergy of communication and technical skills allows her to connect with diverse audiences at an intimate and individual level. She has given numerous presentations during conferences, community events, and business luncheons.

Belinda obtained a BS in Computer Science and Communication from Huston-Tillotson University and received her Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from The University of Texas at Austin.

Belinda uses her “pleasant speaking voice” and “energetic stage presence” to educate, entertain, and influence others.

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