

# Deedee Cummings, M.Ed., LPCC, JD

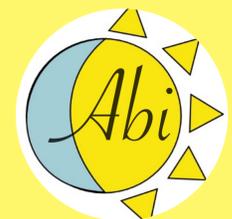
## Make A Way Media, LLC

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### Make A Way Media, LLC

Diverse, therapeutic, & inspirational books & gifts.



### Abi Behavioral Health, LLC

Intensive therapy & case management.



### It Pays To Read

Literacy. Behavioral Health. Mentorship. Transforming lives.

## Diverse Author and Speaker Deedee Cummings

believes literacy is a fundamental human right. Deedee is the founder of Make A Way Media, It Pays To Read & the Louisville Book Festival. Deedee is an attorney, therapist, and CEO of Abi Behavioral Health in Louisville, Kentucky. Abi is an intensive therapy agency that works to prevent the placement of children in out of home care, such as foster care, hospitalization, and incarceration. Deedee is a graduate of a Historically Black College, Bennett College, which is one of only two all-female HBCU's in the country. She earned a master's degree and law degree from the University of Louisville and is the author of ten diverse children's books. Her passion is creating picture, poetry, and workbooks that teach coping skills, compassion and love, encourage mindfulness, and facilitate inclusion for all. Deedee encourages the children she works with to write as a way to process emotions, document their journey, and express themselves more clearly. In addition to presenting on multiple topics around the country, Deedee donates hundreds of books and volunteer hours every year to families, children, churches and the local school system. She and her husband Anthony live in Louisville with their three children Kayla (an actress in New York), Anthony (a college student), and Nick (in elementary school).



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## The Power of Reading, Diversity in Literature & Mental Health

People who read often develop deeper empathy for one another and themselves. Reading helps reduce stress and improves brain function, but it also helps us relate to one another. Learning about a character's behavior & motivations helps us better understand human behavior. We gain the ability to see problems differently & we communicate about them differently too.

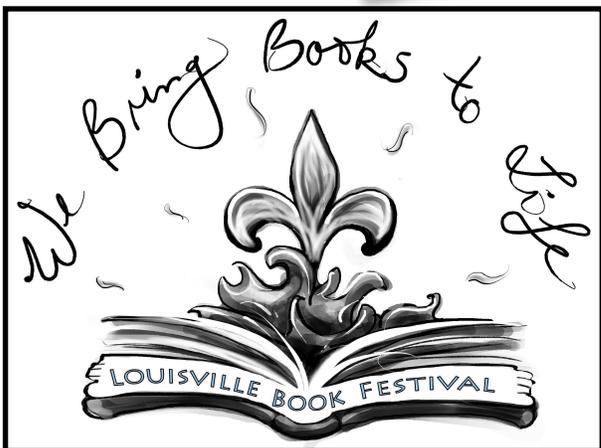
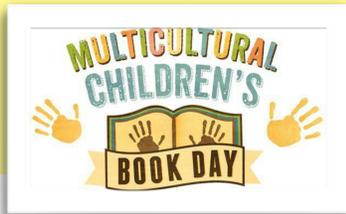
For many years Make A Way Media has spread a love of reading and emphasized the importance of diverse stories and characters directly through publishing and distributing work that supports this mission. We spread our stories, as well as others, through hundreds of hours of volunteer people-power and donating hundreds of books to those in need every year. In 2020 we will be proud partners with It Pays To Read and will host the city of Louisville's first Book Festival! We will continue to spread the word about the power of reading and diversity in books.



Deedee with her reading group **It Pays To Read**

**“Children who can’t read, can’t read people.”**  
~Award-winning Author **Deedee Cummings**

AS FEATURED ON:



And coming  
**October 23 & 24, 2020:**  
the first ever  
**Louisville Book Festival!**  
Founded by Diverse  
Author and Speaker  
**Deedee Cummings**



# Let's Teach the LANGUAGE OF PEACE...

Discussion  
questions  
included!

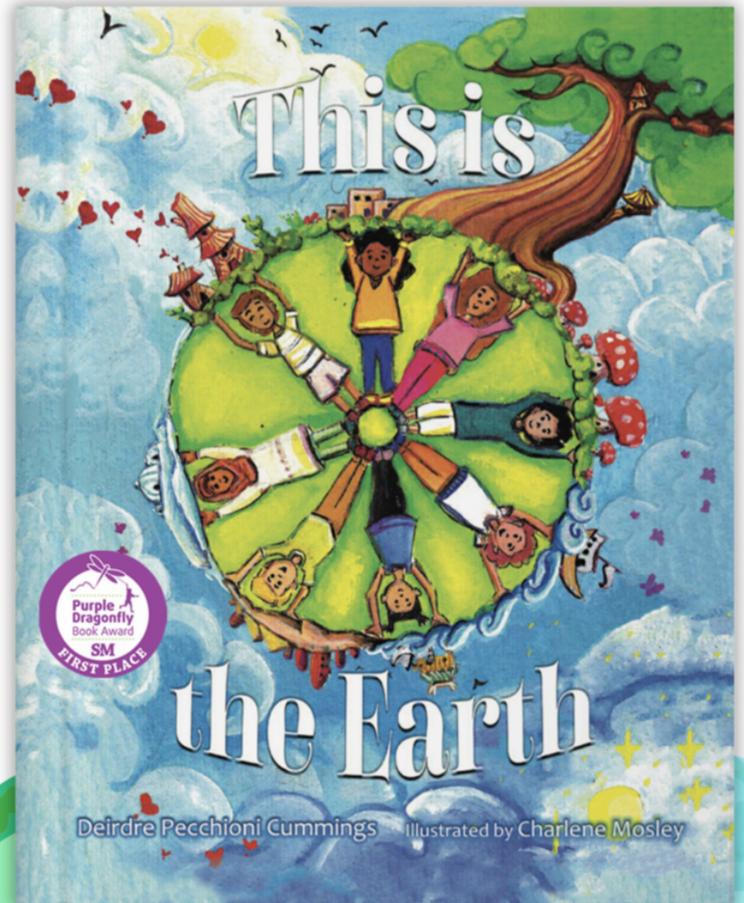
A new diverse picture book about love, compassion, and inclusion. This message bears repeating: peace is meant for all of us. Kids and adults will love the lyrical message and thoughtful artwork all about this planet as our home and every human being as our neighbor and family.

*2019 Purple Dragonfly Book Awards  
1st Place Winner, Cultural  
Diversity Category*



*Author Deedee Cummings*

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