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Maggie van Galen

Maggie is the author of two children's book series -- The Adventures of Keeno & Ernest and King's Day Out. All three books in the Keeno & Ernest series have received the nationally acclaimed Mom's Choice Awards® among other individual awards. Her latest series, King's Day Out, is co-written with a doctor of pediatric occupational therapy, and together they have broadened their scope to form a business with a mission of empowering children as they navigate life's adventures. King's Day Out LLC will incorporate books, resources and activities. Storyteller Maggie's favorite thing about being a children's author is reading to children. She has read to more than 4,000 kids and "hasn't lost one yet!" (Her personal claim to fame) Maggie also offers classroom and private sessions on writing which can tie in with a lesson plan and/or a specific theme. Wordsmith Maggie has written from the time she could hold a pen and truly considers it her gift. Apart from children's books, Maggie also writes journalism features, content for social media, sales literature, blog posts and websites. She also puts her decades as a published author to use helping others with author consulting, proofreading and editing services. Visit www.maggievangalen.com to see a sample of Maggie's work. Maggie grew up in northern Michigan. She graduated from Michigan State University with a BA in Advertising and a minor in creative writing. After spending more than 10 years climbing the corporate ladder, Maggie decided to put her passion for writing to the forefront. She began writing for local newspapers and published a book of poetry. In 2000, Maggie and her husband moved to London where she worked at The Economist. After starting her family a few years later, the children's stories began to flow and her new career life began. Maggie lives in a small town north of Boston with her husband, two sons, a cat and their Bernese Mountain Dog, Koning (Dutch for King).





Amy Wheadon

Amy Wheadon is a pediatric occupational therapist, the owner of kidSHINE LLC in Rowley, Boxford, and Amesbury, Massachusetts and the owner of the EXERSHINEkids Power Bootcamp Program®—a structured, evidence-based program that uses intense physical exercise as a change agent to improve self-regulation skills in children with sensory differences. Amy lives in Boxford, Massachusetts with her three children and their puppy, Luna.

Amy recently co-authored the first book in a children's book series about sensory processing, friendship and empowerment: King's Day Out.