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# Author Bio

Explorer, dedicated learner, gluttonous eater, voracious reader and true ancient history nut ...

Amy has wandered the globe as an international educator for over 20 years. Sharing her adventures, especially with young people, morphed into storytelling and writing. With an overall goal to inspire, and a background in professional education, her quirky stories provide lessons and chuckles to children and parents alike.



Amy McMahon

# Press Release

## Author Releases New Children's Book With Multi-Lingual Resources

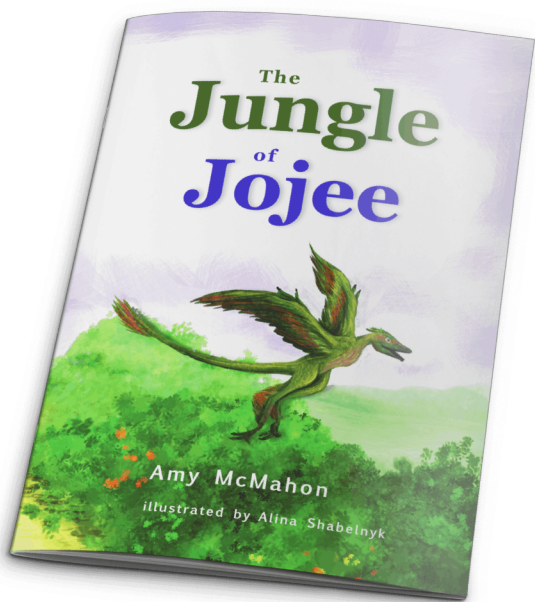
CNY-based author Amy McMahon launched her first children's book in November 2018. Full of mischievous dinosaur characters, "The Jungle of Jojee" was written with the intention of encouraging young children to see how kindness is contagious, and that listening to their parents is important! Ms. McMahon was born and raised in Syracuse, attending LeMoyne College for her Bachelor's degree. She received her Master's degree from Boston College and has lived and worked internationally for over twenty years, always returning to the central New York area as her home-base. As a professional archeologist, a classroom teacher, a school principal and most recently a tour director she has developed strong storytelling skills that engage and energize listeners. She shares stories of her adventures through her blogs and articles on travel websites.

Ms. McMahon regularly finds inspiration for her writings from real life experiences. This new book is no exception. Her young godson was having difficulty being kind to his baby sister and was not listening well to his mother. The story of "The Jungle of Jojee" was originally an effort to use the boy's love of dinosaurs as a motivation to behave better. Her soon to be released second book, "The Princess Sisters" was written as a gift to her own sister's little girls, who always amaze her with their creative problem-solving skills. And the book "Always, and from Everywhere" (slated for release Summer 2019) was born out of the numerous 'hellos' and 'goodbyes' being shared with all of her loved ones as she traveled around the world.

As a result of her global adventures, Ms. McMahon has developed friendships with families who incorporate numerous languages within their homes. Multi-lingual households often face challenges in finding books that support reading aloud for all the spoken languages in the home. Because of this, Ms. McMahon has developed a project that is offering free translations of her books. The currently released "Jungle of Jojee" now has transcripts available in Albanian and Arabic, with Polish, Bulgarian, and Russian in the works. The goal is to provide free supplements that support reading out loud to children in each of the languages they are growing with.

"The Jungle of Jojee" is currently available on Amazon as a softcover print, ebook and audio book. Ms. McMahon is also offering free "Meet the Author" Skype sessions for classrooms and community groups who have her books in their libraries. She can be contacted directly through her website [www.AmyMcMahonBooks.com](http://www.AmyMcMahonBooks.com) , or by email at [amyemcmahon@gmail.com](mailto:amyemcmahon@gmail.com).

# Book Blurb



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Dinosaurs can be cranky too! And the Jungle of Jojee is FULL of dinos that don't know how to be happy, including a sadsack microraptor named Mario. In a world full of misbehaving giants, tiny Mario feels unimportant and useless. Until one day he accidentally helps a big friend, and slowly the jungle starts changing. Will our little prehistoric hero realize his strengths? Do the inhabitants of the jungle learn to listen to their mommas?

This book has a message (or two) for kids who don't easily see their self-worth. Adults who read along will appreciate the potential for character voices and humorously troublesome creatures who really should pay more attention to their parents. Written with dino-lovers in mind and includes an alphabet-based collection, but equally appealing to readers who want to focus on kind behavior.

# Extended Author Bio

Born and raised in Central New York state, Amy grew up in a region steeped in history. Childhood experiences of fossil hunting along the slate shores of the Finger Lakes, local lore about the Underground Railroad, walks along the Erie Canal, and a grandfather with a massive addiction to reading all instilled a deep sense of mystery regarding the past, and inspired an intense excitement about discovering and uncovering as much as possible about it.

University degrees in history, and years of work as an archeologist resulted in adventures overseas. Amy has lived, worked and explored in over twenty-four countries across four continents, and in twenty states (so far) within the US. For about sixteen years she was based in Egypt working as an educator; orchestrating school start-ups, supporting emerging libraries and developing travel-based learning opportunities for students. As an archeologist she has excavated at top sites within the Middle East, also designing educational activities that engage young people in the discipline. More recently she's found a way to combine her love of travel and teaching by working with educational travel companies as a Tour Director and Guide.

Throughout all of her adventures, Amy has maintained a connection with her family and friends through the stories she'd share about her journeys. As the next generation was born and curious nieces and nephews full of questions started taking over the visits home, the tales started shifting into children's stories about her family members. **The Jungle of Jojee** was inspired by her godson's mischievous toddlerhood. The plot of **The Princess Sisters** came out of the unique characters of her own sister's little girls. And **Always and From Everywhere** emerged from part of her goodbye ritual whenever a visit home had to end.

More adventures and more stories are sure to come fueled by Amy's passion for exploring and a growing family of loved ones, While Seneca Falls, New York, is still her "home base", the world continues to entice her with its quests ...

# Target Audience



- Parents who want their children to learn kindness
- Children who are curious about dinosaurs
- Adults who enjoy read-aloud time with kids
- Children learning the alphabet
- Teachers who would like to emphasize manners
- Children struggling with self-worth
- Youth group leaders encouraging community building

# Book Benefits

- Fosters a sense of responsibility to a community
- Encourages children to discuss emotions
- Supports alphabet learning
- Provides "read together" opportunities
- Presents story morals by using humor
- Facilitates reading through patterns



# STORY IDEAS FOR REPORTERS



1. Teaching background
2. Travel influences
3. Archeology experience
4. Christmas with flamingos
5. Self-publishing challenges
6. Dinosaur loves
7. Passion for history
8. Pilgrimage across Europe
9. Expat life
10. Additional books

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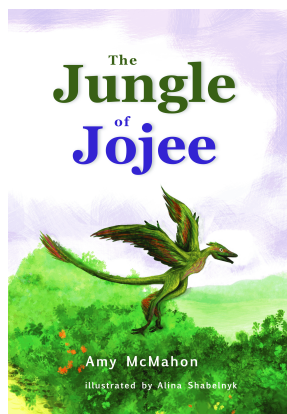
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