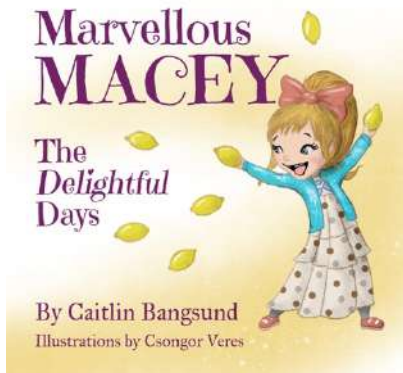


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Mother Pens Book Based on her Daughter's Medical Journey to Inspire Others to Find Glitter in the Muck

ALBERTA, CANADA – Foreword Publicity announces the release of *Marvellous Macey, The **Delightful** Days*, by Caitlin Bangsund, with illustrations from Csongor Veres, during National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.



Bangsund was inspired to write *Marvellous Macey, The **Delightful** Days*, after watching her daughter's medical journey unfold. From the age of one, Macey, now 7, has had setbacks and mountains to climb - a chromosome disorder, a battle with cancer, surviving a septic bacterial infection, and lives with Intellectual Disability.

"Instead of battle scars and disability, I want the world to know about Macey's big heart and brave soul," said Bangsund. Macey is full of delight. Her best day is every day. I want to live like that."

*Marvellous Macey, The **Delightful** Days* showcases the fact that although Macey may not quite fit the mould, she is living the delightful days. Her world of imagination and ability to love and accept everyone comes to life in this heartfelt book with whimsical illustrations. Ideal for kids ages 3-8, as well as parents, teachers, psychologists, counselors, and siblings to kids with a medical history, the book teaches about compassion and patience.

"The world could be moved by the miracle that is Macey. She is a miracle, a superhero, and a girl who knows how to light up a room," said Bangsund. "She demonstrates kindness and acceptance and is the greatest example of resiliency I have ever met."

As a fun bonus for kids and homage to Macey's imagination, Bangsund has incorporated one of Macey's imaginary friends - "pop-goes-the-weasel" - into this book. In fact, kids can search for the adorable character, who pops up on different pages a total of 16 times.

*Marvellous Macey, The **Delightful** Days*, is the first book in a series based on Macey. Bangsund knows all too well the trial and trauma of childhood cancer, childhood disability, and the fear of almost losing her daughter. Having lived through it, she encourages readers to look for the treasures that hide in the rubble and gloom. Life is beautiful chaos and her message is to press on and conquer. She hopes this book will help shape a world that is kinder, more accepting, resilient and imaginative. Bangsund writes so she can share Macey's story of hope.

"In the shadows, it is sometimes hard to find the shimmer – to see the hope. But with Macey, there has never been a choice but to press on – one little step at a time," Bangsund said.

Follow Caitlin Bangsund on Facebook and Instagram: @caitlinbangsundauthor. Learn more and download accompanying resources, including an affirmation word search and inspirational poster, at caitlinbangsund.com.

To set up an interview, reading, signing, or for information regarding *Marvellous Macey, The **Delightful** Days*, please contact Aly Bourque at aly@forewordpublicity.com or Lori Orlinsky at lori@forewordpublicity.com.

*Marvellous Macey, The **Delightful** Days* (ISBN: 9781775160908) is available on Amazon.



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