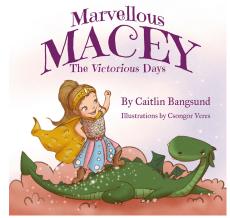
Press Release

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Mother Writes Book Based on True Miracle Story to Inspire Others to Press on, One Tiny Step at a Time

ALBERTA, CANADA - Announcing the release of *Marvellous Macey*, *The Victorious Days*, by Caitlin Bangsund, with illustrations by Csongor Veres, during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.



Bangsund's picture book is based on the true story of her daughter's battle with cancer, life-threatening illness, and enduring disabilities. She writes to unravel grief and search for hope. And to encourage both children and adults to be themselves and see beyond limitations (their own and others).

Love is a dangerous and beautiful thing. Bangsund wanted a picture book to be available to young readers - real, tiny fighters and their siblings. Heartache does not discriminate, but hopefulness can coexist in the trenches - in the ugly, never-should-be-places of this precarious life.

Bangsund wrote this book as a gift to her real-life superhero daughter, Macey. She wrote it as a gift to her sons who wanted the journey

"to be over" and wished their sister "no more pain." And she dedicated it to her husband who loves her in "the glitter and in the muck."

It is a testament of everlasting grace, the power of prayer, and the absolute requirement for faith. Despite the miraculous outcome, Bangsund is forever changed.

Raising a daughter with a disability, and raising kids who battled so hard by no choice of their own highlights the *danger* of love. And also allows beauty to shine a little brighter - for the moments to matter, and for it to continue to be important to slow down long enough not to miss them.

Marvellous Macey, The Victorious Days, is the second in a series based on true events. "Even in moments where we faced the real possibility that Macey's time on earth was done, we knew that she had gifted many people with joy and a connection to something beyond her years," Bangsund said.

Bangsund encourages readers to remember that the tiny steps count. Life is beautiful chaos, but we can press on, one tiny step at a time, by living in the moment and showing up for the people we love. Read her newest story and help create a world that is full of hope.

Follow Caitlin Bangsund @caitlinbangsundauthor. Learn more, shop, and find resources at caitlinbangsund.com, including a free colouring book.

To set up an interview, speaking engagement, reading, or for information regarding Marvellous Macey, The Victorious Days, please contact Bangsund at info@caitlinbangsund.com.

Marvellous Macey, The Victorious Days (ISBN: 978-1-7751609-3-9) is available on Amazon.

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