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My Profile

I am a visual artist and self-taught illustrator. My current focus is creating illustrations for self-published children's book authors. I have illustrated two book covers and nine children's books (eight of which I designed and formatted) for clients. I also designed and illustrated nine self-published journals/workbooks, and two coloring books. I create paintings and multimedia works of art that depict my love for nature, culture, music, and current affairs when I am not illustrating books.

I began my artistic journey at the age of three. I attended an art focused middle and high school and completed one year at the Arts Institute of Atlanta. I previously had a twenty-year career with the federal government before I began my full-time artistic career. Not only do I enjoy creating art, but I also enjoy cooking, reading, dancing, Duolingo, word games, nature, and spending quality time with my family, pet, and friends. I am always seeking to gain more knowledge and learning new skills to help improve my craft!

Education

1999 Studied one year of Graphic Design **The Art Institute of Atlanta**, Atlanta, Georgia

1996 BA in Spanish with a Minor in International Business Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia

1992 High School Diploma

Fort Hayes Arts and Academic High School, Columbus, Ohio

Published Projects That I Both Illustrated, Designed, And Formatted

- "The Soil Is Good" written by Tori Jackson-Jones, 2016
- "I'm Great and I Know It!" coloring book by Doreen Vail, 2020
- "Miracle Baby" written by Janelle Wilson, 2021
- **"Asia Amazing Adventures, Penguin Poo Bear Dance"** written by Asia and Rhonda Hollaway, 2021
- "I Was Destined To Love You, An Adoption Love Story To My Son" written by Anetrice Saunders, 2022
- "ABC's of Grateful" written by Sharayah Lane, 2022
- "So Shy!" written by Elise Celestin, 2022
- "Annie and Juneteenth" written by Aletta Seales, 2022

Published Projects I Illustrated Only

"Sometimes,,, A Adrian and Mommy Story" written by Andria Chappell, 2018

Programs I Am Familiar With

Procreate, Adobe Creative Cloud (Adobe Acrobat DC, Adobe Fresco, Illustrator, Photoshop, and In-Design), Canva, and Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook).