



# WONDER NEWS

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## WELCOME!

Welcome to Wonder News! I'm glad to share what I think and do with you! People are welcome to contact me to give me feedback and ideas, and to request to be added to my email list. I will add no one without a request. Feel free to message me through my website.

## A New Award

I was notified this month that I had received Honorable Mention for the Purple Dragonfly Award. This award is sponsored by Five Star Publications which releases the magazine Story Monsters Ink monthly for children's authors, teachers, parents, and anyone interested in children's literature. My book was entered in a large category: Children's Picture Book 6 & Older. As described by Five Star Publications:

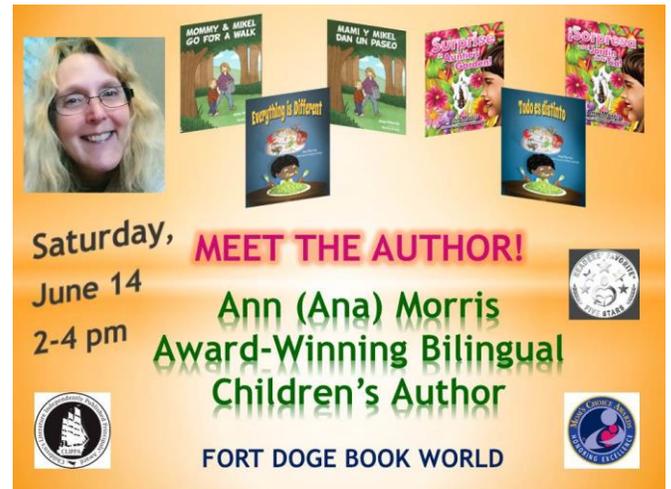
"The Purple Dragonfly Book Awards were conceived and designed with children in mind. The Purple Dragonfly Book Awards are geared toward stories that appeal to children of all ages. We are looking for stories that inspire, inform, teach or entertain."

My publisher has also submitted "Everything Is Different", my newest release, for another award. Time will tell...



## ACTIVITIES

June's "Meet the Author" was in Fort Dodge, Iowa, at Book World. They had me make a poster that they could share with others and had a table with my books displayed all day! That was nice! I kept the template so I can use it for other events.



I also refilled inventory and left copies of my new book pair. It was nice to be inside! Iowa summers get HOT! Here's a happy customer.





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Humboldt, Iowa is my home town. I always go to the Humboldt Arts Festival each year. I see friends, classmates, former teachers, people who know my family, and new connections. This year I was fully equipped! Several people wanted to purchase my new book, and others hadn't seen my others. I like the idea of a complimentary gift with each in-person purchase. It's my thank you to the book buyer.



This was the full shot of my display, but I was also photographed by the Humboldt and Fort Dodge newspapers!



## WRITE-A-THON



This is my first attempt at initiating a fundraiser. I've wanted to do something for my nephew, Daniel Ametepey, but I didn't know what to do. Daniel is from Ghana. This starts with my sister, Ruth Bottelson Meyer, as she is and has been actively involved with Kingdom Cares International (Now Acts2Collective) for years now. She has made several mission trips to Accra, the capital, and to a village, Asikuma, where the people are struggling but not giving up. They work together with those who wish to help them become self-sufficient. I have participated in many activities from this side of the "pond" and feel like I personally know many of the wonderful people Ruth knows, because she includes me.

Now, back to Daniel. Ruth and he really clicked when they met and worked together. She saw that he was indeed unique. He is already a shepherd. He had to learn responsibility early and seems to attract the unfortunate and the orphaned. He has a sixth sense for those needing help. His perception has helped identify several people needing physical care, homes with the orphanage, tuition money, that extra boost to bring them the sense of pride and belonging that was needed in their lives.



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Daniel attended a small school in Accra then has attended the first part of his college career in there also, due to the stringent visa laws in Ghana.

He really wants to study in the USA, and has actually been accepted at a Des Moines University with scholarship honors. Daniel would like to study Law and return home, where he can apply that knowledge and degree to help his own people. I thank God there are young people like Daniel in this world!

Ruth has played a large part in helping fund Daniel's education by selling a variety of bags made in Ghana here. They are very popular and colorful and have helped the economy in Asikuma and Accra as well as helping Daniel.

This write-a-thon is the effort of several authors who have dedicated time on June 27-29 to write for pledges to help with Daniel's journey.

**Acts2Collective Mission Statement:** "United in purpose to care for the most vulnerable for the spread of the Gospel."

**Vision Statement:** "Support mission minded people, churches, and organizations around the world who are working to meet the physical and spiritual needs of their community for the spread of the Gospel."

Please consider donating to Daniel's education. You may contact me via email or message me through my website, or you may make an online donation at <https://acts2collective.cloverdonations.com/donation/> Please alert me of donations, so I can verify their deposit to the correct cause. Thank you!

## Where Are My Books?

My books are available in several locations locally as well as online.

My website will get you a signed book:

[www.authorannmorris.com](http://www.authorannmorris.com)

Facebook Author page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AnnMorrisChildrensAuthorLanguageConsulting/>

The books are on Amazon:

<http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B00C8G2V8S>

Barnes & Noble: [www.barnesandnoble.com/](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/)

Books-a-Million (BAM):

[www.booksamillion.com/](http://www.booksamillion.com/)

Mascot Books: [www.mascotbooks.com](http://www.mascotbooks.com)

They are also on consignment at several local stores.

**PLEASE!** Ask, if you are looking for my books. I have learned that some stores locate them with other children's books while other stores place them with Iowa Authors and the Spanish versions in the Foreign Language section:

