



# 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.

I am making progress with the illustration phase of "Do It Again!" / ¡Otra vez!

I have a final mockup of Amy! This story is based on a true experience when she was about three, and she is now in her twenties. Those stories that cling to our hearts never leave, do they? That is why I like to share them.



We're off to the races now. Vanessa Alexandre, the illustrator, is now in the process of working on the spread sketches. I should have them in about a week. I am getting excited!

## MY OTHER MISSION

You may remember the clothing and scarves I shared with you that I collect and make for the homeless. I am on my fourth scarf now, after I donated that last batch of goodies to Primary Health Care of Iowa. It makes my heart warmer thinking of the little bit I can do to help those who will use these small tokens of my heart.

## My Other *Other* Mission

This is where I do what I can with what I have to help a special group called Acts2Collective that my sister, Ruth Meyer, is affiliated with. I believe I have mentioned this mission earlier, as I sponsored a Write-a-thon for Daniel Ametepey, my nephew from Ghana some time ago.

Ghana is where we concentrate our efforts, as Ruth visits there once or more each year and is very active in the education of the children of Asikuma, the village she champions. She recently co-founded the women's center called Nyame Do, which provides education on domestic trades, such as cooking and sewing.

In my summertime yard sale ventures, I collected an immense amount of cloth in many shapes and forms, as in curtains, bed sheets, and other times fabric selections from women who had used the same cloth for crafting and other sewing projects.



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I was able to help collect cloth for *practice* sewing projects and have seen photos of the amazing results.

I also was able to purchase many infant onesies for Betty Apronti, the nurse and midwife. Many of the women she helps in the delivery their new babies do not have anything to clothe them.

We also collect and provide prescription bottles. In Betty's clinic, they had no containers for distributing medication to patients. These small things to us make a big difference to them.

This week I happened upon six garbage bags full of soda cans. These I will redeem and give the money to Ruth. The same friend, Jay Hall, also donated a giant trash bag full of beautiful stuffed animals and porcelain dolls that will be happily donated to a thrift store in Marshalltown, Iowa, which is owned by Acts2Collective.

**There is a place for everything.**

## FEATURED CHILDREN'S BOOK

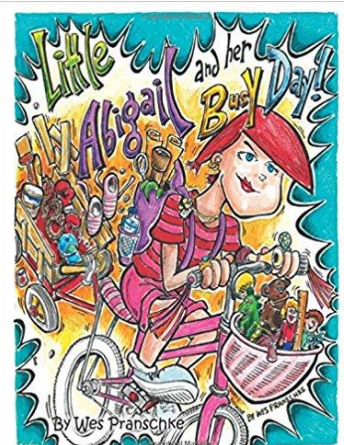
Wes Pranschke is quite a prolific children's author who does his own illustrations. I enjoyed reading and reviewing one of his latest releases, "Little Abigail and her Big Day!"

5 Stars

How clever! Wes Pranschke has written and illustrated this story of a busy girl who does it all on her own bike. She greets neighbors, works at a produce stand, puts up signs for her piano recital and dance, has a tea party with the neighbor girls...she is definitely busy, but

productively so. The illustrations are lively and creative, and there are cutouts at the back of the book for those who want to relive Abigail's busy day and perhaps create some of their own ideas!

Congratulations, Wes!



## Work in Progress #2

The long awaited story about my granddaughters is finally coming to fruition!

To assist the illustrator with ideas for the book about my granddaughters and me, I have been assembling photos that correspond to some of our activities in the story. This is a "hurry up and wait" project, as I am awaiting my turn with the illustrator.





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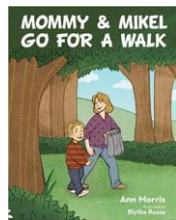
Review for Mommy and Mikel Go for a Walk

This is the most recent review for my very first book. Reviews are always appreciated!

“This would be a wonderful addition to library collections in Iowa

By Four Worlds on

Mommy and Mikel Go for a Walk (Spanish edition title Mami y Mikel Dan un Paseo) reminds me of Lola at the Library by Anna McQuinn, except in this book the child and his mother spot a mink, which is what prompts their visit to the library. This would be a wonderful addition to library collections in Iowa, since it also mentions the state bird. If stocked in both English and Spanish, it would let many young patrons access and share a Midwestern child's perspective, while reading in their mother language.”



## New Consignment Arrangement!

Wendy and Charles Siefken, in Marshalltown, Iowa, have opened a new bookstore, where I will be consigning more of my books. I have been out of town for over a week, but I will make a special trip there to sign the consignment agreement and drop off books! I love these opportunities!



## 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>

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