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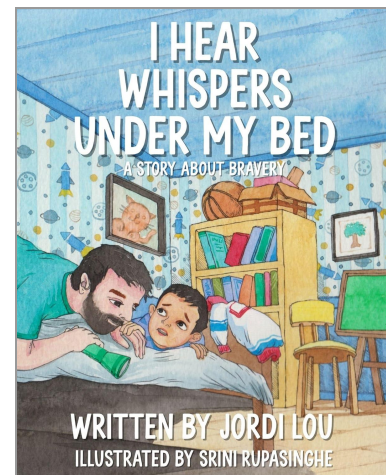
Book Announcement

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Local Author and Foster Care Advocate Pens Tender, Reassurance-filled Tale, Perfect for Children Who Need a Little Courage at Bedtime.

[Onaga], Kansas — When local bestselling romance author Jordan Abitz wanted to create picture books for children that explore resilience, hope, and courage, she didn't have to look far for inspiration. A former foster mom to twenty-eight children and an adoptive mom to three, she has just released her debut picture book, *I Hear Whispers Under My Bed: A Story About Bravery*.

Writing for kids under the pen name Jordi Lou, Abitz writes stories that she says are “inspired by real life, with a heart for childhood trauma awareness and for raising kind, courageous kids.” And her abundant, children-filled background means she's never at a loss for what stories truly connect with and engage young readers and make a lasting impression.



About all of those children she's connected with, Abitz says, “Some children I may never see again, but I'll always hope for the absolute best for them because they're one of my kiddos now. I will forever spend the rest of my life trying to make the world a better place for them. That is why I wrote these books. I want every child who reads them to feel seen, valued, and deeply loved.”

Filled with vibrant, painterly illustrations by artist Srini Rupasinghe, Abitz's is a comforting and imaginative story about a young boy who believes monsters are hiding under his bed. Beckoning his dad for some help, along with a little courage, a flashlight under the bed simply reveals their dog resting with her sweet puppies. Families and educators of young children will welcome the warmth and humor this story shares in reassuring young readers that nighttime fears aren't always what they seem.



In addition to *I Hear Whispers Under My Bed: A Story About Bravery*, Abitz is also the author of the bestselling romance novel, *The Magic of Light*, the first installment in the First Hills series. Abitz has plans to release five additional children's picture books this year that focus on themes of mental health, foster care, adoption, and strength. She lives with her family on their third-generation farm in rural Kansas, where small-town life and found family continue to inspire her work.

I Hear Whispers Under My Bed: A Story About Bravery is available now wherever books are sold.

Book Details

I Hear Whispers Under My Bed: A Story About Bravery

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