



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Retired Columbia County Teacher Publishes Children's Book

Mascot Books Publishes *A Giraffe in the Gym*

By Beatrice Brown

Herndon, VA; Fall, 2016: Mascot Books announces the release of *A Giraffe in the Gym*, written by Beatrice Brown.

It's tough for Brandon to wake up on school mornings. His mom shakes, rattles, twists, and shouts to get him to the bus on time. But one day something very unusual happens.

A retired educator with more than thirty years of experience in Special Education, Beatrice Brown has shared and laughed with children throughout the southeast. *A Giraffe in the Gym* and several other stories have been buried in her drawer while she served in her community and managed several projects at her local church. She's excited to finally bring Jafu the Giraffe to life. She enjoys reading, writing, and traveling.

To set up an interview, reading, signing, or for information regarding *A Giraffe in the Gym*, please contact Beatrice Brown at beabrown2580@gmail.com

A Giraffe in the Gym is registered with the American Wholesale Book Company, Baker & Taylor, Follett Library Resources, and Ingram, and available online with the following retailers:



About Mascot Books

Mascot Books, located in Herndon, Virginia, was co-founded in 2003 by Naren Aryal. Mascot Books has published over 1,000 books with a diverse library of titles including children's, young adult, fiction, nonfiction, cookbooks, and more. Learn more at www.mascotbooks.com.



Beatrice. W. Brown, a native of Macon, Georgia, has lived in the Augusta area for the past thirty years. She's a 1977 graduate of Southwest High School. She continued her education at Albany State College (University, 1981) and Mercer University (1984). She taught in the public school system for 31 years and retired in May 2013. Her last position was with the Columbia County School System where she was a Special Education teacher and was named "Teacher of the Year" for Brookwood Elementary School in 2006. She received The Georgia Reading Endorsement in 2006 from Augusta State University (Augusta University, Augusta, GA.)

Her passion for teaching reached beyond the four walls of her public school classroom into the Christian Education Ministry at Good Shepherd Baptist Church where she is a member. She received certification to teach from the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., and serves on the faculty of Good Shepherd Baptist Church Bible Academy. She also teaches at the District and State levels. She is the director and one of the original teachers of the Summer Enrichment Program, established in 1991 (Good Shepherd), which provides six weeks of educational services for students in kindergarten through eighth grades.

As an extension of the Evangelistic Ministry of the church, she wrote and directed the Passion play and musical, *He Reigneth Forevermore*, which posted a fifteen-year run from 2001-2015.

She is the mother of three: Brandon, Brittany, and Terrell. She has 4 grandsons, Alex'Zander, Isaiah, Elijah and Gabriel. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, writing and traveling. Her favorite quote is taken from *A Short Walk* by Alice Childress: "Life is just a short walk from the cradle to the grave and it sure behooves us to be kind to one another along the way."

What Others Are Saying...

- *My Fourth grade students loved Giraffe in the Gym! They were so excited when I showed it to them and couldn't wait to read the book again. My kids love P.E. and basketball and this was very relatable to them and they had a good laugh!*
- *What a fun book. Every child will identify with Brandon. Really loved his imagination. In a world filled with "gadgets" it was refreshing to see Brandon's active imagination. Purchase this book for the teachers in your life.*
- *My students LOVED "A Giraffe in the Gym!" By the end of the book, they were on their knees anxiously waiting to see what Jafu would do next!*
- *A Giraffe in the Gym is a great book! The eyes of my students lit up as I showed them the book!! It was entertaining and fun for all!*
- *If being active and modeling a healthy lifestyle is important to you, then grab A Giraffe In The Gym! Your kids will enjoy bringing the exercises in the book to life! For an in-depth review, please visit the following link below.*

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