I LOVE A GOOD BOOK'S PRESS RELEASE



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IMPROVE YOUNG BOYS' FUTURES WITH BOOKS

DECORATED LOCAL TEACHER AND MOM WRITES CHILDREN'S BOOK TO INSPIRE YOUNG BOYS TO LOVE AND HAVE A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH BOOKS!

MACON, GA, June 23 - Summer break is canceled...at least it is for veteran local teacher, Dr. Kimberlie Harris. This summer, Dr. Harris is self-publishing *I Love a Good Book* to inspire early literacy in young boys and to fight back against the downtrending statistics surrounding boys, books and reading.

Scholastic's 2016 <u>Kids and Family Reading Report</u> showed that 27% of boys (versus 37% of girls) said that they read books for fun at least 5 days a week. Forty-five percent of boys (versus only 36% of girls) said that they often have trouble finding books they like. Dr. Kimberlie Harris, a veteran elementary teacher, who has specialized in literacy in schools, in Macon and Monroe County with high poverty rates, plans to move those percentages in the right direction. When asked about *I Love a Good Book*, Dr. Harris replied "I wrote this series for all the boys I've taught over the past 16 years who hated reading. I wrote it to do something to put an end to all of the book conferences that lead to tears from male students who say, 'I don't like to read or I'm not a good reader.' I wrote this book for my son and for other young boys, so that they will know the joy of reading and the power it gives them in their educational and non-educational goals."



"This is a very good book. I enjoyed it a lot. I would like it if you could do lots of more types of these books..." Joel, 5 year old boy. Rave reviews have already started to come in for *I Love a Good Book* from children, teachers and librarians.

Preorders for 'I Love a Good Book' will launch on the crowdfunding site, Kickstarter, on June 30th at <u>lloveagoodbook.com</u>. Supporters can fund printing for the book by pre-ordering a copy or copies, donating books to children in need and/or choosing additional rewards, such as stickers, bookmarks or having their child added to the book.

Dr. Harris is an accomplished teacher with 16 years of classroom experience. She holds a PhD. in Curriculum & Instruction from Mercer University and a Masters in Early Childhood Education from Wesleyan College. She was named Teacher of the Year and Conservation Teacher of the Year in 2018, (Samuel E. Hubbard Elementary and Georgia Department of Natural Resources, respectively).