

MEDIA KIT



*'oh my
ode's song'*



FEVAH SEREN

Meet Fevah Seren, a 7500-year-old middle school student, who wants something that is big, bright and, possibly, just out of reach. She dreams of being on the stage of the BIGGEST dance competition across all galaxies - The Great Galactic Dance Competition. This is her destiny, she just knows it.

Everything is going according to plan until she gets sick, just days before the *Tryout*. When she is given an extension, Fevah is thrilled, but as the days pass, she has doubts about her perfectly curated dance skills as she watches her best friend out-dance her.

Fevah's downward spiral comes to an end when an unassuming audience throws their wisdom into the galactic ring and teaches her valuable lessons that will change her life forever.

"Just because it's common, doesn't mean it suits you. You are not common, are you?"

BOOK DESCRIPTION

Discover how a young girl with big dreams out-smarts her fears and learns the wisdom that confidence is a powerful tool when it's thrown out to the galactic-verse.

Tryout is the first book in *The Great-Galactic Dance Competition* book series that follows a spirited middle school student, Fevah Seren, as she uncovers truths about herself. Through her quirky and unique journal narration, Fevah bonds with readers by sharing relatable stories that expose her strengths, weaknesses, biases and beliefs.

Fevah wants her readers to know that anxiety and self-doubt are normal. When they have a big dream, they need to hold on to it and control negative inner self-dialogue that sabotages their ability to reach that dream.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- 8 - 10 Year Olds
- Middle School Chapter Book Readers
- Competitive Programs i.e. Dance, Cheerleading
- Middle School Teachers & Educators
- Dance School Coordinators
- Parents/Caregivers of Middle School aged children

BOOK INFORMATION

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"We are faster than the speed of light and lighter than the gamma rays of our suns"

MEDIA Q & A

Who is the inspiration for these books?

My daughters. I have one who didn't want to join the dance squad club at her school and came up with a fantastical reason that she was a dancer from another planet with out of this world skills. I have another daughter who loves to dance. It wasn't hard to draw experience from them both.

What is this book's key message to children?

Fevah's story teaches children transitional confidence. Transitional confidence is an empowering bridging framework, which I discovered through this project. Young readers and parents of young readers will find it easy to partner with Fevah as she navigates the bumps in the road between what she wants and where she wants to go, as she learns to not give up and finds her inner superhero to push through. The message is simple - listen to advice, accept support, dig deep, reposition, and keep going.

Why is the message so important today?

Children need to see, or read about, a version of themselves. They need to know that how they look, or what they are thinking, is shared by someone else and that that person is going through the same emotional hoops as they are. It shouldn't matter whether it is on planet Earth or on planet Echo Rise. Fevah, the main character, is positioned to be that version of themselves that is exuberant and whimsical. Other times, anxious and doubtful. She shares secrets about herself that she couldn't admit out loud. Covid stagnated social growth for children and adults alike and many of us closed ourselves off. Many of us have bounced back, but many of us are still two-years behind. Wherever you are in age or social growth, don't panic and work on the things that work for you. But keep working on it and the hard things get easier. But you have to let people in, let them help you, and trust in change. I know this with experience!

How do these lessons carry through to adults?

I had dreams I did not push through and gave up on simply because they got hard or I looked around and thought someone else was doing it better, so why bother. Goodness, I still do that today, which is all the more reason for me to get this message out that confidence is within and around us. It isn't something that we can buy or take. It's what keeps us gravitational still when meteorites rock our core.

What is one of most important things you've learned through this project?

If you have a dream, hold on to it, manifest its reality. Another lesson that goes beyond self-will is listening to advice. The advice given may require me to slow down or pivot. This may be the best thing to do, but I have to put my ego aside in order to receive it.



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K.B. Lacey is a Canadian BIPOC author. Her parents immigrated from India to Canada in the mid-70s. She lived in a predominantly European neighbourhood and stood out. Not only because of her cultural differences but also because she was very tall!

She began writing in the fourth grade, starting with stories that turned into teenage angst filled poetry. She wrote unpublished works on and off for years, but did not have the courage to publish any of it. It wasn't until 2020, during the dark days of the pandemic, did her inner child voice flicker and remind her it was time to take up that old hobby.

She, finally, found a character with a storyline that she can relate to and pushed through just like she was telling her character to do to launch her debut Children Middle School Fiction book series **The Great Galactic Dance Competition**. **Tryout** is her first book in the series

COMPARABLE TITLES

If you are a fan of the positive messaging behind books such as *The Miscalculation of Lightning Girl*, *Bunheads*, *The Night Diary*, or enjoy the witty and zany characters of *A Mermaid in Middle Grade*, *Judy Moody*, *Dork Diaries* then **Tryout** will captivate your imagination and motivate your ambitions.