

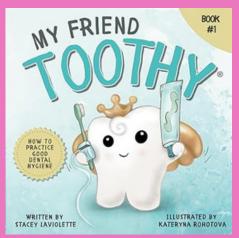
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The Three Bears, Blondie, and Their Spaghetti

#### **Dental Tips**

- · Schedule a happy visit by their first birthday.
- Let your child brush first, and you do a follow-up brush after.
  - · Have toothbrushing and flossing parties as a family.
  - · Use a soft toothbrush with a peasized amount of toothpaste.
  - · Brush in a circular motion for two minutes.
- · Replace your toothbrush every three months or after sickness.
- · Limit Juice, sodas, and sports drinks.
  - · Drink water after soda or acidic beverages.
    - · If you must drink sugar/acidic drinks, do so quickly to reduce exposure time.
- · Limit sugar and sticky foods. Choose healthy snacks.
  - · Consider having an orthodontic evaluation between ages 7 and 9.
- · Wear a mouth guard during sports.
- · Water flossers are an excellent option for cleaning around braces.
- Don't share drinks or eating utensils with others- you can transfer bacteria.
  - · Visit the dentist twice a year.
- · Discuss Fluoride, Sealants, Xylitol, and Hydroxyapatite toothpaste with your dentist for preventive care measures.

#### National Children's Dental Health Month



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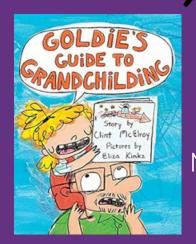


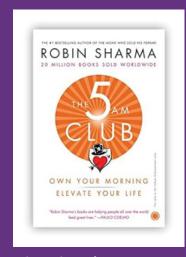
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### My Current







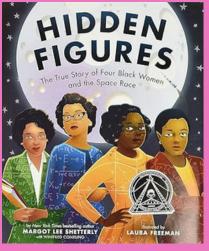
My kids (current) favorite book

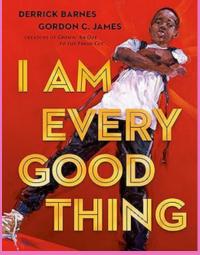
#### Mama Bear Tip:

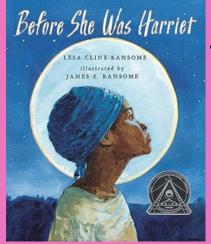
Only floss the teeth you want to keep!

## IDEAS TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Learn about Black history support Black businesses Read books, listen to music and watch works by Black creators.







"I have heard their groans and sighs, and seen their tears, and I would give every drop of blood in my veins to free them."

-Harriet Tubman

# Melissa M. Burch Lets Get Social



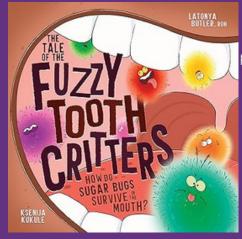
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A fun, humorous and educational picture book that helps young readers understand the importance of dental hygiene care and getting rid of cavity-causing sugar bugs.

LaTonya is a passionate registered dental hygienist, and children's dental advocate with over 20 years of experience in healthcare and dentistry. Her journey began in 2008, when she embraced the role of the "Brown Tooth Fairy," visiting schools to share stories and inspire children to care for their smiles.



LaTonya is the founder of Wish Upon a Smile™ program, an organization promoting preventive dental education for kids while empowering brighter smiles every day through diversified children's literature and community outreach services. She is dedicated to eliminating disparities in children's dental health and fostering a brighter, healthier future.

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