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This book is dedicated to <anyone you choose>, because <reason for dedication>.

# About the Author Page

<Your Name> is an author and illustrator of children’s books. <He/She> is <\_\_> years old, and a <\_\_\_\_\_\_> grade student at Clarksville Elementary. <First name> lives in <\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_>, Maryland with <\_\_\_\_\_\_, ex: his/her mom and dad, and older brother Sam>. In <his/her> free time, <First name> enjoys <\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, ex: doing arts and crafts, jump roping, riding bikes, and playing with friends>.

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