# 13 Year Old Author, Illustrator, Motivational Speaker and Entrepreneur



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**Promo Video** 

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# **Biography:**

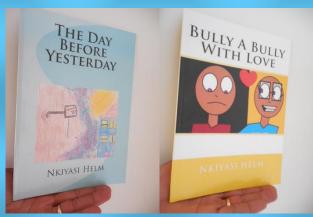
My name is Nkiyasi Helm. I'm 13 years old and author of 11 motivational and inspirational children stories. Lansing, Michigan is my home town. I live there with my mom, dad, brother and two sisters. I have been writing seriously for more than 3 years and I really enjoy sharing my stories with others. I began making books at the age of 7 by folding and stapling paper together, then drawing all over it with crayons and pencils. Since then I have matured and now pretty much use the computer to do all my drawing and writing. Currently all 11 of my books have been published and I aspire to write many more. I am an advocate for literacy, restoring justice and living a healthy, positive and productive life.

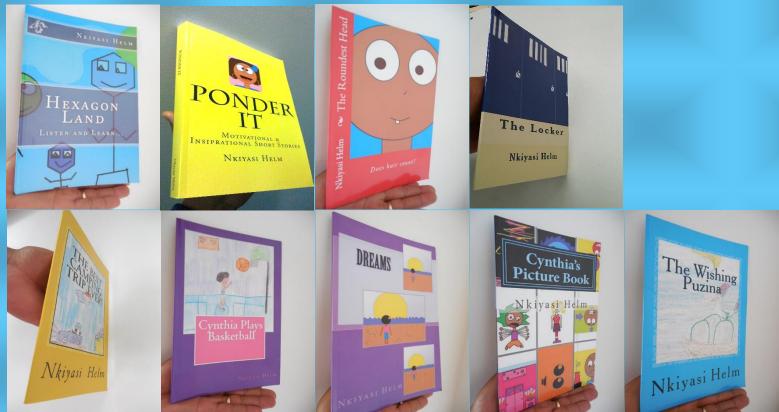
One of my goals is to provide a conduit for other young people to share their story and insight on important issues from a kid's perspective through my publishing company.

Writing is my passion and I plan to continue focusing on fundamental issues that affect young people around our nation. I believe that by sharing socially relevant stories directly with my peers, I can become a useful tool for opening a dialogue on issues that can be difficult to discuss. I have had several public speaking engagements, radio interviews, TV and newspaper interviews. Through these media outlets I have focused on anti-bullying, making healthy choices and improving literacy among youth.

Many kids at my previous school thought I was intimidating because I'm tall, very physical and look strong; but instead of accepting that identity, I chose to stand up for kids that are bullied and teased. Rather than joining in on the teasing and bullying, I would focus on restoring justice by nurturing the situation. It is possible I may have become the friend they never had. This is one of the reasons I wrote "The Day Before Yesterday" and "Bully A Bully With Love." I enjoy expressing how I feel about situations on paper!

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### **Past Media Appearances:**

http://www.blogtalkradio.com/ritahodges/2014/10/11/shes-changing-lives-one-book-at-a-time-meet-13-year-old-nkiyasi-helm The Serenity Show with Rita Hodges

http://www.blogtalkradio.com/conversation-pieces/2014/10/10/author-motivational-speaker-nkiyasi-helm-stops-by-conversationslive Conversations Live Cyrus Webb

http://lansingonlinenews.com/news/video-author-nkiyasi-helm-and-her-father-robert-on-lcc-radio/LCC Radio 89.7 FM Host Bonnie Bucqueroux

**Poetree N Motion TV Show with Host Dee Freeman** 

The Connections TV Show Lansing, MI Young, Gifted, & BLESSED! THE CONNECTION TV SHOW with Angela Mathews Comcast Channel 16 Talk Show Host Intellectual Radio "Words To Live By" Broadview IL

**Community Voices Magazine Article** Kalamazoo, MI

"The Reading Circle" With Marc Medley WP88.5 FM Greater New York

**Eagle Village Motivational Speech Hersey, MI** 

http://bookreviewsbyadra.blogspot.com/2014/04/normal-0-false-false-false-en-us-x-none.html

https://www.facebook.com/writtenbykids

http://adraly.wordpress.com/2014/04/26/when-the-student-becomes-the-teacher/

http://www.blogtalkradio.com/writingroyaltyradio/2014/09/10/writing-royalty-one-good-sparkstarts-the-flame

#### **Achievements:**

Speaker at the 10 Annual Juneteenth Celebration

Founded Written By Kids Publishing Company and Written By Kids Salvation Foundation 2012

Ambassador of the 2013 MI KIDS DREAMS Expo

Speaker at the WE Kids Expo March 2013

Nkiyasi's Book Bully A Bully With Love was featured in the Sanilac County News May 28, 2014

Contributor at the 1st Annual Shop Michigan Expo 2014

Featured on The Darlene Hunter Show

Present to the Speaker Publishers & Authors Association (SPAA) of Chicago

**Calbery Writing Award Winner** 

Wrote the cover Story for "The Back To School Edition" of The Michigan Bulletin, Lansing, MI 2014

Speaker at Ashmun School Special ED for M.O.I.S.D.

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## **Supporter Quotes:**

"It is my pleasure to write you this recommendation of Miss Nkiyasi Helm, as a worthy and gifted motivational presenter on issues pertaining to at-risk youth. The struggles facing youth today are often overwhelming and good decision making is not a characteristic many at-risk students can claim. Nkiyasi is certainly a role model and has a unique ability to break down barriers to connect quickly with her story and positive example." D. Powers, Principal Baldwin Street Middle School Hudsonville Public Schools

"I thought the interview showed who Ms. Kee Kee is as young author and inspiring Youth leader. As well as your support and guidance as a Father, entrepreneur, and brilliant inventor. And, the show was fun wrapped in enlightenment/information about both of you." A. Mathews The Connections TV Show

"Nkiyasi Helm exemplifies the Kuumba principle of Kwanzaa: To always do as much as we can, in a way we can in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than when we inherited it. Miss Helm's desire to inspire other students to write books makes our community a better place for children to express themselves in a positive way." By Sonya Hollins, editor <a href="mailto:editor@comvoicesonline.com">editor@comvoicesonline.com</a>

"It was a pleasure meeting you and Nkiyasi, and for your support at the 3rd Annual WE Kids Health, Wellness & Fitness EXPO! Nkiyasi presentation and attendance was commendable, and I know that many EXPO attendees were introduced to an amazing young author and entrepreneur as a result." Barbara Price, (Faith) Director Okemos Modeling & Entertainment Group

# **Book Reviews:**

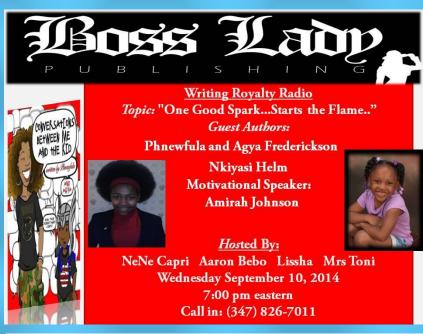
"Bully a Bully with Love tells the story of how friendship melts the heart of even the most difficult of schoolmates. The young author teaches us readers that there is a reason why bullies do what they do, and oftentimes only love and understanding can cure this ill. This is a must-read for elementary school students in their quest understand bullying may be more than an action, it may be a cry for help." Sonya Bernard-Hollins Publisher-Community Voices

# **Picture Collage:**













Creative Concepts Consulting & Events II (CCCEII), promoter for the Michigan WE Kids Health, Wellness & Fitness Expos' proudly presents another Michigan premier event! We invite you to the 1st Annual MI Kidz D.R.E.A.M. Expo! Sponsored by The Paseka Group Foundation! Featuring one of Lansing, Michigan's shining stars, Anti-Bullying advocate; "Writtenbykids.com" creator; children's book author; entrepreneur; publisher and motivational speaker, the phenomenal 12 year old Miss Nkiyasi Helm! This is a FREE community-based, one day event the whole family can enjoy! An Expo by kidz for kidz! The expo will bring together some of the state's leading educators, entrepreneurs', health, wellness & fitness professionals, local business proprietors/owners', artist, celebrities, and thousands of attendees for a spectacular day of demonstrations, live lectures, the arts, fun, food, giveaways, music and much more!

The Paseka Group Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to encourage, empower and uplift children and families in every way possible. "MAKING YOUR DREAM A REALITY!" For additional information, or reservations, please contact us a <a href="mailto:Creativeconcepts360@vahoo.com">Creativeconcepts360@vahoo.com</a> or <a href="mailto:Thepasekagroupfoundation@vahoo.com">Thepasekagroupfoundation@vahoo.com</a> or <a href="mailto:phone us at 517-483-2183">phone us at 517-483-2183</a> or at 517-348-2930!





# **Videos/Interviews:**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Wmolb7zFVE&list=UUWrfMXYOGMYhhpJYzBfrCGA

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaqMQh6q\_cQ&list=UUWrfMXYOGMYhhpJYzBfrCGA&index=5

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kb1eiTu2zOw&index=8&list=UUWrfMXYOGMYhhpJYzBfrCGA

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cS1lPJiEnW8&list=UUWrfMXYOGMYhhpJYzBfrCGA&index=9

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzZKBIX3Di0

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USI-U7S0eac

### **Interview Questions:**

- 1. Do you have any advice for other young authors? Don't be afraid to express your thoughts.
- 2. I read your story of having come to the realization of NO cable TV, so please tell us a little something about you and that particular incident of how you happened to connect with your writing voice. I have always enjoyed writing and drawing so I guess it can naturally especially when I focused my atten09tion on it.
- 3. Nkiyasi...In Ke Ya Si what do your siblings or peers think of your near celebrity status; being the unique writer, guest speaker and illustrator that you are? They are very supportive and encouraging.
- 4. Your books, how many have you written and how many have been published? So far I have written 10 books and published each one.
- 5. Tell us about your inspiration for writing each book...??? Someone, some event or some issue you feel you can help resolve with your creative voice? Well I enjoy writing about experience I see or I have that can be helpful to others.
- 6. Nkiyasi, you attend Windemere Charter Academy, where you are a straight A student. How is that for you; is it easy or must you study at lot? It comes easy for me because all do is listen, participate and remember.
- 7. Your goals are outstanding, you probably got the entrepreneur bug from your dad...tell us about them and your vision for what you think you will fulfill in your lifetime? For the most part I really want to have my own publishing company that way I can publish all of my work and help others do the same.
- 8. Nkiyasi, you certainly appear more mature than your 12 years, can you share where in the lineup of siblings you fall (are oldest, youngest, etc.), what you do for recreation or do you have much spare time? I am the oldest of four children; my favorite activity is swimming and writing.
- 9. What will you say to Bill Cosby when you meet him? I really don't know probably awe...
- 10. Can you share some advice or words of wisdom to both youth and adults alike? Don't wait until you grow up to try and do or become someone or something do it now!
- 11. What is self-confidence to you?
- 12. Can you tell me about one of the most inspirational moment you have experienced since you began doing motivational speaking?
- 13. Where do you see yourself 5 or 10 years from now?
- 14. Why do you think it is important to share your story with other young people?

# **Letters of Reference:**

August 14, 2013

#### Ladies/Gentlemen:

Nkiyasi Helm is an astonishing and gifted young lady that I met for one hour during an interview with her on my book talk radio show The Reading Circle with Marc Medley earlier this year. I was so impressed with her that I am honored to write this letter/endorsement on her behalf.

As an educator, I work with children every day that ought to be able to but unfortunately cannot articulate and express thoughts in the manner that Miss Helm was able to express with me about her work during our morning radio interview. Without a doubt Miss Helm has strong parental guidance and support, but not only that, she listens to and follows their lead.

Miss Helm has started at a young age to develop and hone her crafts which will bode well for her in her future. It has been my experience that people who are focused and know what they want to be as an adult at a young age such as Miss Helm's usually are super successful when they are adults. I always use the examples of President Clinton and Kenny G who publicly stated early in their lives what they intended to be when they were adults and took all of the necessary steps to make it happen and indeed it did as evidenced by Bill Clinton becoming President of the United States and Kenny G becoming a very successful musician. I expect the same type of success for Nkiyasi Helm. She has all of the right ingredients to become whoever and whatever she would like to become.

I am so proud of Nkiyasi (and this is after just one meeting) that I do not know what to do. If you would like to hear our interview, please visit <a href="http://www.thereadingcircle01.com/box\_widget.html">http://www.thereadingcircle01.com/box\_widget.html</a> and look for her name. You are invited to download the files and experience Miss Helm for yourself if you have not done so already.

I applaud her entire family for the support and love that is given to her and her siblings and I expect nothing less than the best from Miss Nkiyasi Helm.

Sincerely,

Mr. Marc A. Medley Host of The Reading Circle with Marc Medley WP88.7 FM www.gobrave.org



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July 17, 2013

To all our friends in America and all over the world!

I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge Miss Nkiyasi Helm as an accomplished author and motivational speaker. Her diligence and desire to positively impact the fight against obesity and bullying is a beacon in our global community. As the CEO of Trimland and author of The Chubby Conqueror it warms my heart to see a child charging ahead on worldly issues. Much success Nkiyasi!

Sincerely

Amos Knoll Pres/CEO

# THE WHITE HOUSE

August 5, 2013

Miss Nkiyasi Helm Lansing, Michigan

Dear Nkiyasi:

Thank you for offering to help the First Lady in the fight against childhood obesity. I want to assure you that your letter and contact information will be kept on file in our office should an opportunity to collaborate arise.

As you know, Mrs. Obama launched the *Let's Move!* initiative with the ambitious goal of solving the childhood obesity epidemic within a generation. Since then, we have seen changes at every level of our society - from classrooms, to boardrooms, to the halls of Congress, but we still have work to do.

Mrs. Obama believes that people like you are vital to our success on this issue, and she urges you to stay active and continue to lead efforts to improve the health of children in your community. To learn more about our initiatives and to connect with efforts in your community please visit: <a href="www.LetsMove.gov">www.LetsMove.gov</a>.

Thank you again for writing. Mrs. Obama greatly values the important work being done all across the country, and she wishes you continued success with your efforts.

Sincerely,

Sam Kass Executive Director of *Let's Move!* Office of the First Lady



3835 Baldwin Street, Hudsonville, Michigan 49426

April 5, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write you this recommendation of Miss Nkiyasi Helm, as a worthy and gifted motivational presenter on issues pertaining to at-risk youth. The struggles facing youth today are often overwhelming and good decision making is not a characteristic many at-risk students can claim. Nkiyasi is certainly a role model and has a unique ability to break down barriers to connect quickly with her story and positive example.

As a middle level principal I believe I have an accurate perspective of what kids are faced with today. The inspirational message I have heard Ms. Helm share is on target, timely and authentic. Her positive example and efforts as a budding young author gives her instant credibility, but beyond that, Nkiyasi has a unique capability to share that story, and hope, in a real and engaging manner.

In closing, you would be well advised to consider securing Nkiyasi Helm, as a guest speaker to your organization, regardless of the age group. She will not disappoint!

Sincerely,

Dave Powers

Dave Powers, Principal Baldwin Street Middle School Hudsonville Public Schools