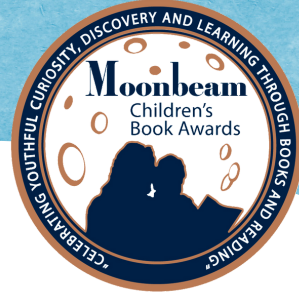
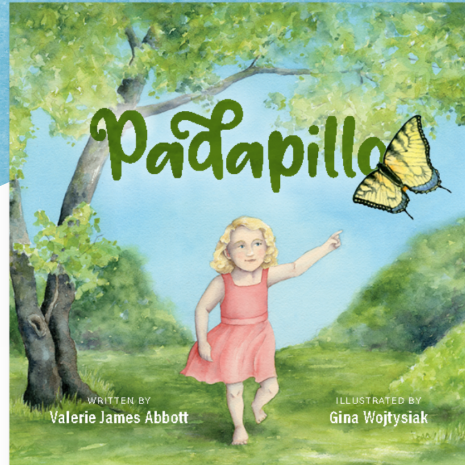


"Next to love,
hope is the most powerful fuel
of the human spirit."



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The Author

Valerie James Abbott is an award-winning author, a passionate parent-champion for early hearing detection and intervention programs, and an active promoter of parent-to-parent support organizations. She is also co-founder of Late Onset Hearing Loss Awareness Week and author of Padapillo, a children's book inspired by her own family's journey.



The Book

Published in May 2021, Padapillo is based on the true story of how the Abbott family discovered and came to terms with their child's mysterious postnatal hearing loss. The story is narrated by the attentive, yet incredulous, older sister and describes the questions and emotional journey family members often experience.

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Elementary School Visits

Meet the Author: Valerie James Abbott

During this interactive in-person or virtual story time, students and teachers will have the opportunity to ask the author questions about pediatric hearing loss and the real life story behind Padapillo. She will also engage students in a conversation about writing stories and what publishing a book is really like.

Following the reading and Q&A, Valerie will lead the class in a fun activity. Each child will receive a bookmark and information about late onset hearing loss to bring home.

Contact Valerie Today!

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*"This beautiful story offers a glimpse of a future that is possible, at a time when the journey ahead seems impossible."
Dr. Ashleigh Greenwood, AuD.*