

**BOY, YOU ARE  
BRILLIANT!**

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**For my dear brother Joe**, who taught me how to free myself with honesty, vulnerability and authenticity. This book is also dedicated to my dad and brother Shawn who set great examples of what it means to be brilliant.

You sir, are **BRILLIANT!**  
You **SHINE** just like a star,  
You can do anything!  
Do you know **WHO YOU ARE?**





**Brilliant**

What does it mean to be **BRILLIANT**?  
It means intelligent, set apart —  
**A WONDER OF THE UNIVERSE.**  
You can do amazing things,  
If you **BELIEVE** in yourself first.

When it's dark and scary in the world,  
You are **WARM AND BRIGHT**,  
Even if no one told you —  
**YOU ARE IMPORTANT!**  
Someone out there needs your **LIGHT**.







Do you believe it?  
Say, **"I AM BRILLIANT!"**  
And, don't be ashamed of  
what you know,  
Following the crowd is boring,  
Let's see how far **YOU** can go.

Being strong and tough is cool,  
But it's **NOT ALL** that you are.  
Everybody hurts sometimes.  
**SHOW CARE** when it's not you  
that's down, it won't dim **YOUR STAR.**





Sometimes, you might have  
to help a friend, and you should —  
***DON'T LEAVE OTHERS BEHIND!***  
It feels good to be good to people,  
You can ***BE STRONG*** and you can  
***BE KIND.***

You sir - are **BRILLIANT!**  
Don't be afraid to **SPEAK UP**  
and **SHINE YOUR LIGHT.**  
The world is better with you in it,  
Something you do could **SAVE A LIFE!**







People will doubt your **BRILLIANCE**,  
Some don't want to see you **SHINE**,  
That's even more of a reason to show them,  
How **GREAT** you are time after time.

You can **STAND TALL**,  
and reach high heights,  
You can move fast, and **GO FAR**.  
But, don't forget to  
**LIFT UP OTHERS** as you rise,  
**TEAMING UP** with other  
brilliant ones enhances  
who you are.

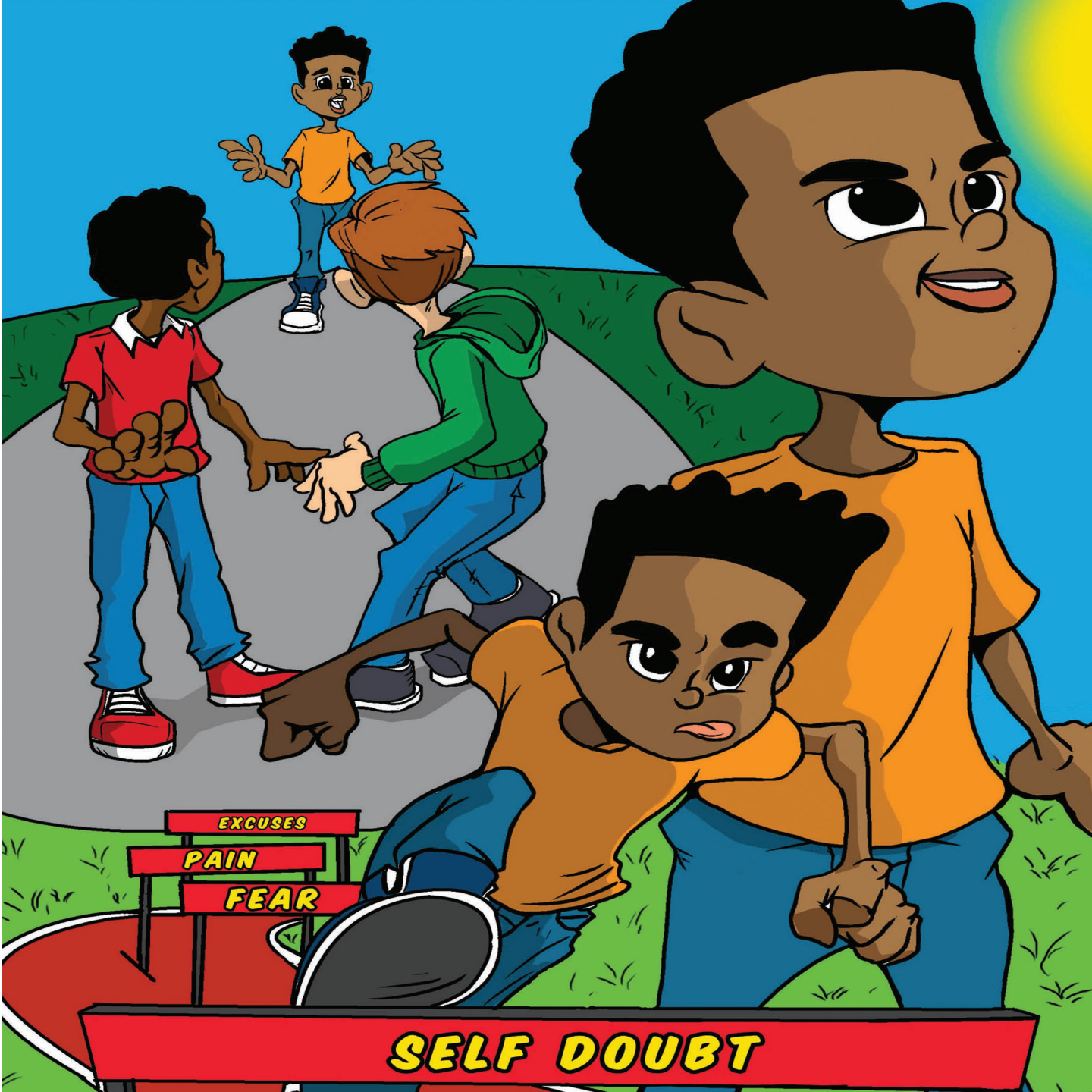




You, my friend, are **BRILLIANT,  
BRIGHT AND AMAZING** all by yourself  
Still - don't ever be afraid,  
in times of need to use your words  
and seek out those who can **HELP.**

When you talk people listen,  
You have **POWER** inside of you!  
Nothing can take away  
your **BRILLIANCE** —  
If there are obstacles,  
you can **BREAKTHROUGH.**





**EXCUSES**

**PAIN**

**FEAR**

**SELF DOUBT**



You sir, are **BRILLIANT,**  
Resilient, joyous and true,  
Don't be afraid to smile,  
**IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU.**

# ABOUT THE AUTHOR



**Ashley Ferguson** is the author of *Girl, You Are Magic!* and *Boy, You Are Brilliant!* When she is not writing, she spends time with her daughter, Nia, and speaks to students about the power of words. Most of the time; however, she is reading, writing or talking about reading and writing.