

Bio for Michelle Anaya

Michelle grew up listening to the amazing stories that her father would write for her and developed a passion for reading and writing stories of her own.

While working as a Print Designer in New York, Michelle discovered the vividly illustrated picture book "My hair is full of colors" It inspired her to incorporate her prints and love for color within picture books. As the mother of two boys, she noticed that past the age of five, their

interest in books wained, gravitating instead to electronic games due to the action and sound. The interactivity of book apps however, kept them engaged. The importance of encouraging reading among Children, lead to her decision to create the *Grendel's Great Escape* book app.

Grendel's Great Escape is currently on the top 25 list of Best books for 2013. Her newly released Rock and Roll themed book and app *Monster Jam* is currently getting rave reviews. Michelle is currently working on a third book app *Monster Jam World Tour*.

Blue Sandpiper Imprints was created by Michelle to publish visually stimulating interactive picture books & digital book apps. <u>Blue Sandpiper Imprints</u> is a company committed to producing engaging interactive children's literature with the goal of encouraging more voluntary reading among children.

Michelle spent her childhood years on the beautiful Island of Jamaica before her family migrated to New York. There she attended The Fashion Institute of Technology and later worked as a Print Designer in the Apparel Industry. She currently lives North of Dallas, TX, pursuing a writing career with the full support of her husband and two sons. When not writing, or blogging, Michelle spends her time gardening, volunteering in her church and library at her son's elementary school. She loves travel and dreams of someday living in a Tropical place with an ocean view.

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