



TeMika Grooms

Children's Book Illustrator

TeMika Grooms is an artist, writer, and arts advocate inspired by the power of children's books to influence change in society. Her work typically features action-filled and expressive characters. Her published works include a sugary-sweet picture book titled *Nana's Favorite Things* by Dorothy H. Price (Eifrig Press) and *Save the Crash-test Dummies*, an engaging non-fiction book by Jennifer Swanson (Peachtree Publishing).

TeMika is a graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology with a degree in Civil Engineering. She spent many years designing utilities, commercial sites, and roadways in the southeast. She values STEAM education that allows children to explore science, math, technology, and the creative arts and enjoys inspiring the youth with her experiences as an engineer and an artist.

TeMika was selected as a 2021 We Need Diverse Books Illustration Mentee and a member of the 2021 Cohort for the Highlights Foundation and Brown Bookshelf Amplify Black Stories Program.

Learn more about her work at www.TeMikaTheArtist.com

Available for school visits, teaching artist and residency programs.

Save the Crash-test Dummies

Written by Jennifer Swanson

Illustrated by TeMika Grooms

Jump in the driver's seat for this entertaining, STEM-filled tour of the history of car production and the science and engineering that makes cars safe.

Cars take us to work. To School. To soccer practice. To the grocery store and home again. Can you imagine a world without them? It's not so easy!

One of the reasons we can use cars so much in our everyday lives is because they are safe to drive. But that hasn't always been the case. If it weren't for the experiments conducted over decades that involved all kinds of crash test volunteers – dead, alive, animal or automated – cars as we know them might not be around. And then how would you get to school?

Filled with fun four-wheeled nuggets of history and explanations of how cars actually work, this nonfiction book from former science educator and award-winning author Jennifer Swanson will appeal to lovers of all things that go and readers who are interested in getting under the hood and seeing how things work. Available in eBook.

Awards:

Eureka! Nonfiction Children's Book Award Silver Honor – California Reading Association

Best STEM Books – ASEE / ITEEA / NSTA / SEPA / CBC

Parent's Choice Gold Award – Parents' Choice Foundation



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