

CHILDREN'S BOOK EMPATHY AIRLINES CLAIMS NEW BOOK AWARD, MORE TO COME FROM THE AUTHOR

Children's Author Continues Her Work in Teaching Diversity, Empathy, and Compassion with New Projects

[NEW YORK, Nov. 19, 2021]—In an uncertain world, children's author Dr. Wendy Muhlhauser, also known as SissyMarySue, continues on in her mission of spreading inclusivity, empathy, and diversity in classrooms and homes around the world.

Recently, her newest book, *EMPATHY AIRLINES: Jelly Beans the Cheetah and Hope—Book 2* received its second book award; a place on the NYC Big Book Awards 2021 Distinguished Favorite list in the Children's Educational category. *EMPATHY AIRLINES* is the sequel to her first book, *Jelly Beans the Cheetah and Hope* (2014), which has won numerous awards over the years, including placing as a Montaigne Medal finalist for Thought Provoking Title, and the Globally Mindful award. SissyMarySue is excited to continue her series which promotes inclusivity, diversity, equity, and empathy for children ages 5-11.

In related news, SissyMarySue is proud to present the SissyMarySue Education Fund! The SissyMarySue Education Fund is a non-profit organization which has been designed to create a collaborative community of educators and advocates with an aim in giving back to our communities by creating inclusive learning environments for all children. The SissyMarySue Education Fund's goal is to help foster creativity and empathy in youth around the world while encouraging learning through play.

Dr. Muhlhauser (Executive Director—SissyMarySue Education Fund) is also pleased to announce the television show initiative; SissyMarySue's World School House©! She has assembled a team of dedicated individuals who will be working together to begin drafting the pilot and future episodes.



The SissyMarySue Education Fund is excited to introduce the newest member to its diverse board of directors, Dr. Toby Tomlinson Baker. Dr. Baker earned her PhD from Pepperdine University in Educational Leadership and Change, and was awarded the Harrison Sylvester Award by the Learning Disability Association of America. She currently teaches at California State University Los Angeles, and is thrilled to become the 15th member of the board. The SissyMarySue Education Fund has also recently welcomed a new intern, Cryptid Parke, who will be helping with script writing and editing for the upcoming TV show. Cryptid is a high school student at Lakes International Language Academy and they plan to go to college for Creative Writing, Editing, and Publishing.

SissyMarySue is the pen name for Dr. Wendy Muhlhauser, the award-winning author and creator of *Jelly Beans the Cheetah and Hope Children's Book Series*. Read more about her and the SissyMarySue Education Fund at sissymarysue.org.

The logo for SissyMarySue Education Fund features the name "SissyMarySue" in a playful, rounded font. "Sissy" is green, "Mary" is purple, and "Sue" is orange. Below it, "Education Fund" is written in a simpler, green font. The entire logo is set against a soft, light-colored shadow.