

A native New Yorker, Dr. Justine Green's entrance into the world started with an obstacle that would change her life forever, and give her purpose. Justine was born with Atresia and Microtia, the absence of an opening and the deformity of the outer ear. She does not have an ear canal on the left side, leaving her deaf in that ear. Following three reconstructive surgeries as a young child, her ear lays flat on her head, making it look as though she is missing her left ear.

Growing up, Justine was far from complacent and was determined to use every skill set and service available to her, never letting her disability stop her from achieving her dreams. She learned to read lips and used accommodations throughout school, using her disability not as an excuse but rather a motivation.

Justine, now the mother of two kids - Theodore and Amelia - was just announced Principal at Tamim Academy in Boca Raton, Florida. She has previously taught in an inclusive classroom, been a learning specialist at the Camner Center for Academic Resources, and served as the Director of Development for an Early Childhood Center. Justine hopes to continue using her passion to inspire others, showing them how to be proud of who they are, no matter what they look like or what other people tell them they should change about themselves.

Justine's latest use of this passion is a self-published children's book titled *Completely Me*, based on her own life, disability and coming-of-age journey. *Completely Me* is a powerful story about a little girl who never noticed there was something different about herself, until others pointed it out instead. When she stands up for herself, the people around her learn the important lesson of self-acceptance, that everyone is different in their own unique ways, and that those imperfections are what make you perfect.

Completely Me was truly a labor of love for Justine, who poured her own story into every page in the book. Ana Luísa Silva, a Portuguese multimedia artist specializing in Illustration, 3D Animation and Motion graphics created all of the visuals seen throughout the book. As a visually-impaired artist with Congenital Glaucoma, she embodies the *Completely Me* spirit and was able to successfully provide the perfect compliment to accompany the author's powerful message.

Completely Me, which is currently available for pre-order and will be released on July 15th, is an imprint of Green Rose Publishing, LLC, also located in Florida. Completely Me will be sold on its own website, CompletelyMeBook.com as well as Amazon, Barnes & Noble, IngramSpark and Kindle.

For more on Justine Green, visit <u>www.DrMommyGreen.com</u> and follow along on her personal Instagram account, @DrMommyGreen.

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