



**Creative Minds Publications, LLC celebrates a decade in urban literacy education. Here is our story so far...**

**2005-***Amy's Travels* by Kathryn Starke was first published by Creative Minds Publications



**2006-**Our first book review by Style Weekly and first TV appearance with author/CEO Kathryn Starke on CBS 6 Morning Show, Richmond, Virginia

**2007-**Author Kathryn Starke was a Read Aloud Virginia Fall Exhibition Event Speaker



**2008-**California Department of Education adopted *Amy's Travels* as a recommended multicultural and social studies children's book

**2009-***Amy's Travels* was picked up by Amazon and Bedford Falls Book Fairs

**2010-**Our CEO Kathryn Starke was appointed Advisory Board Member for Reach Out and Read Virginia and Keynote Speaker for the PBS Go Kids Writing Contest



**2011-**Amy's Travels Project launches on Skype in the Classroom and officially present in homes, schools, events, and organizations on over 20 countries on 6 continents. CMP lands on social media platforms as a leader in literacy and publishes *Turtle Without a Home* written by educators in northern Virginia.

**2012-**Author/CEO Kathryn Starke was named one of the 50 Great Writers You Should Be Reading by the National Author's Show after *Amy's Travels* is released in its second edition



**2013-**Kathryn Starke was a presenter at the National Family Literacy Conference in Louisville. She became a guest contributor for the International Literacy Association and was named urban educational trainer for VCU AmeriCorps. Kathryn also served as the urban educational panelist for Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Richmond.



**2014-***Amy's Travels* was selected as the spring musical performance created by the Latin Ballet of Virginia. Kathryn Starke was honored to be tapped the children's author and literacy advocate for the Washington Redskins Read Program.



**2015**-Collaborated with *Chicken Soup for the Soul* on creating educational content. *Amy's Travels* was chosen as a recommended title in the Washington Redskins Activity Book. Kathryn Starke was named as board member on the Chris Baker 92 Foundation and was the keynote speaker for the Texas Superintendents' Conference



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## **About Kathryn Starke, Urban Literacy Specialist, Author, Founder/CEO of CMP**

Kathryn Starke is an urban elementary school literacy expert, reading consultant, author, and the founder of Creative Minds Publications, LLC, a global literacy based educational company. She has been featured on multiple media platforms including Fox Small Business News, Inspire Me Today, Virginia This Morning, and Conversations Live. Kathryn serves as a literacy trainer for the University of Chicago Urban Education Institute and VCU AmeriCorps program. Kathryn was on the executive board for the Richmond Area Reading Council and governing board for the Virginia State Reading Association. She currently serves on the board of Reach Out and Read Virginia and the Chris Baker 92 Foundation. Kathryn is the children's author for the Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation reading program. .

A native of Richmond Virginia, Kathryn graduated from Longwood University with a BS degree in elementary education and a Master's degree in Literacy and Culture. She has taught first, second, and third grade and served as a literacy specialist for over a decade in inner city/Title I schools in Richmond Public Schools and Chesterfield County Public Schools in Richmond, Virginia. She is the author of Amy's Travels, a multicultural children's book used in schools on over twenty countries on six continents. The book was recently turned into a musical by the Latin Ballet of Virginia. She is a freelance educational writer for a variety of magazines including Education Digest, Parent and Child, and Literacy Daily, the publication of International Literacy Association. Kathryn was named one of the 50 Great Writers You Should be Reading by The Author's Show. She has provided in depth literacy consulting in over 40 urban elementary schools nationwide while most of her work is currently spanning 5 states (Virginia, California, New York, Massachusetts, and South Carolina) and has presented at both state and national reading conferences.

