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It's Time to Pick *The Little Green Pumpkin!*

written by Jeff Mayer
illustrated by Vineet Siddhartha
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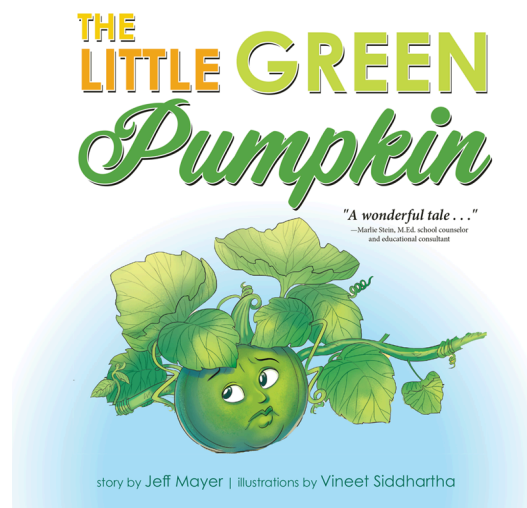
"A joyful and colorful way to share messages of purpose, belonging, and letting go."

- Connie Bowman, author and actress

[Belle Isle Books](#) of Richmond, Virginia, is pleased to announce the upcoming release of a new children's book, [The Little Green Pumpkin](#), written by Jeff Mayer and illustrated by Vineet Siddhartha.

As fall approaches, children can't wait to pick the perfect pumpkin—and in this charming children's story, the pumpkins can't wait to be picked, either! Join this cast of quirky characters in the pumpkin patch for an autumn tale of overcoming anxiety and gaining self-esteem, perfect for young readers as they go back to school.

The Little Green Pumpkin is scheduled for release on September 22, 2021.



*Very soon it will be pumpkin patch time,
But the Little Green Pumpkin just won't leave his vine!*

All the other pumpkins in the patch want to be chosen by a child, but not Little Greenie! He's scared to go to a new place with new people. He wants to stay rooted right where he grew up. But just because change can sometimes be scary doesn't mean it can't be exciting, too!

About the Author

At a young age, [Jeff Mayer](#) once interrupted Sunday Mass with a lovely rendition of "Home on the Range." He is a marginally funny and hopefully insightful author who loves his wife and two wonderful daughters.

About the Illustrator

Born in Lucknow, India in 1982, [Vineet Kumar Siddhartha](#) is known for his acute attention to form. He earned his MFA in the late 2000s and has since worked in various design firms and animation studios. He has also illustrated numerous children's and comic books and won multiple awards for his work, which has been published around the world.

Interviews available upon request.

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The Little Green Pumpkin (hardcover, 32 pages, \$22.95 / paperback, 32 pages, \$12.95) is available for pre-order from [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), and other fine booksellers. Kindle e-book (retail \$2.99) forthcoming.