

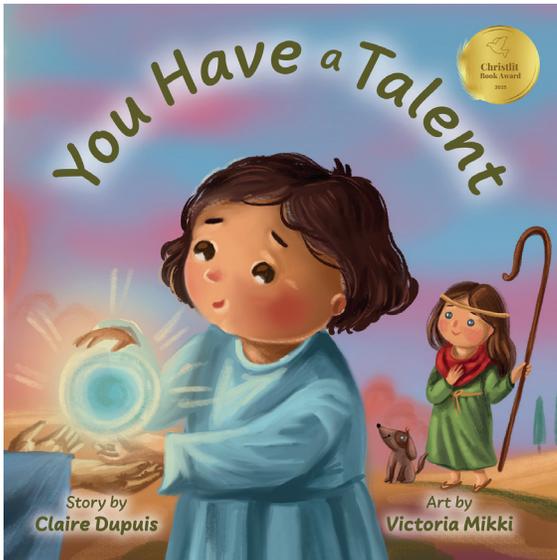
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You Have a Talent

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In the village of the Zumbalas, everyone is busy using their talents, but Penelo struggles to discover his own special gifts. In school, he is mocked by his teacher and classmates. He even begins to wonder if his maker, Jethro, made him talent-less! On a mission to discover himself and search for his true talents, Penelo sets out on a grand adventure that helps him learn that sometimes, our talents look different than what we expected!

About the Author



Prior to moving to the United States in July 2012, **Claire Dupuis** graduated from the French University of Sorbonne Nouvelle with a Bachelor's in French Modern Literature and languages. While at University, she studied under Cecile Ladjali, a well-known French author of more than 30 books published by Actes Sud. Cecil then inspired Claire to begin her writing journey and work in the publishing industry. As a mother of four children, she now lives in the small town of West Point, Virginia, where she enjoys spending time along the riverbanks and looking at the Victorian-style houses. If she is not reading or writing, Claire loves traveling and photography. She has been part of the BrandyLane Publishers' team since June 2023, when she joined as an editor and project manager; she recently took on the position of book publicist. *You Have a Talent* is her first children's book.

About the Illustrator



Victoria Mikki is a Ukrainian art teacher, craftsman, and illustrator. Throughout her decade-long career, she has illustrated more than seventy children's books.

"The book *You Have a Talent* became a bright moment in my career. I was lucky to know from my childhood that I wanted to be an artist, so I clearly saw my goal, which helped me move through life. Only in adulthood did I understand that not everyone is as lucky as I was; some people, even in adulthood, do not know what talent they have. I also think this story is simply necessary for children to read. We are all special and have a purpose."

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