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A LITTLE GIRL. A BIG DAY. A STORY EVERY CHILD NEEDS.

Debut Author Daisy Bates Draws on Her Natchez, Mississippi Childhood
to Write the Book She Wished She'd Had

Daisy's Daycare Adventure

HOUSTON, MS — Every child knows the feeling: the night before something new, when excitement and fear hold hands, and neither one will let go. For debut author **Daisy Bates**, that feeling was the seed of a story that has been waiting to be told for a lifetime. Now, published through Ink & Legacy Publishing™, *Daisy's Daycare Adventure* is available on Amazon — a warm, reassuring, and beautifully human picture book for every child standing on the edge of something new.

Inspired by her own childhood experiences growing up in Natchez, Mississippi, Bates writes with the intimacy of memory and the clarity of purpose. *Daisy's Daycare Adventure* follows a young child navigating the unfamiliar world of daycare for the first time: the new faces, the new routines, the flutter of nerves — and the beautiful discovery that belonging can be found in the most unexpected places. It is the story children need to hear before the big day arrives, and the story families will return to again and again.

"I wrote the book I wished someone had given me. A book that says: you are safe here, you belong here, and this new place holds something wonderful waiting just for you."

— Daisy Bates, Author

ROOTED IN THE DEEP SOUTH, WRITTEN FOR EVERY CHILD

There is a certain kind of courage that belongs to children — the courage of walking into a room full of strangers, of letting go of a parent's hand, of finding your own name on a cubby hook and understanding that this place is, somehow, meant for you. Daisy Bates knows that courage intimately. She grew up in Natchez, Mississippi, one of the oldest and most storied cities in the American South, where community and storytelling are woven into the fabric of daily life. It is from that foundation — of neighbors who knew your name, of front porches and shared meals, of the particular tenderness of Southern childhood — that *Daisy's Daycare Adventure* takes its heart.

In writing her debut, Bates has distilled the best of that world into a story sized for small hands and big feelings. *Daisy's Daycare Adventure* is not simply a book about daycare. It is a book about trust — trust in new teachers, trust in new friends, trust in oneself. It is a book about the moment a child learns that the world is a little larger and a little kinder than they imagined.

WHY THIS BOOK. WHY NOW.

The transition to daycare or preschool is one of the most emotionally significant milestones in early childhood development. Separation anxiety is real, and the stories we give children in those moments matter enormously. Yet children's literature centering Black and brown children navigating everyday milestones — not in crisis, not in struggle, but in joy, curiosity, and warmth — remains critically underrepresented on classroom shelves and in pediatric waiting rooms across the country.

Daisy Bates changes that, one page at a time. *Daisy's Daycare Adventure* gives young readers a child who looks like them, feels like them, and ultimately triumphs like them. For parents, educators, pediatricians, daycare directors, and early childhood advocates, this book is an essential addition to the resources that support children through life's earliest transitions. For children, it is simply a great story — full of feeling, full of hope, and full of the quiet reassurance that everything is going to be okay.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Daisy Bates is a debut children's book author and storyteller whose roots run deep in Natchez, Mississippi. Drawing on the richness of her Southern upbringing and the universal language of childhood emotion, she writes stories that meet young readers where they are: at the edge of the new, the edge of the brave, and the edge of the beautiful. *Daisy's Daycare Adventure* is her first published work.

ABOUT INK & LEGACY PUBLISHING™

Ink & Legacy Publishing™ is a boutique, independent publishing house based in Houston, Texas, dedicated to amplifying the voices of underrepresented authors who are ready to tell their stories and build legacies that outlast them. Rooted in the spirit of the Harlem Renaissance — “We were always the story. Now we own the narrative” — Ink & Legacy offers full-service publishing, editing, and consulting, while ensuring every author retains 100% of their royalties. Always.

BOOK DETAILS

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Author: Daisy Bates

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Genre: Children's Picture Book / Social Emotional Learning / Early Childhood

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SCHOOL & LIBRARY VISITS, AND COMMUNITY READING EVENTS.**

Her story — rooted in the South, written for the world — is one every family deserves to hear.

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