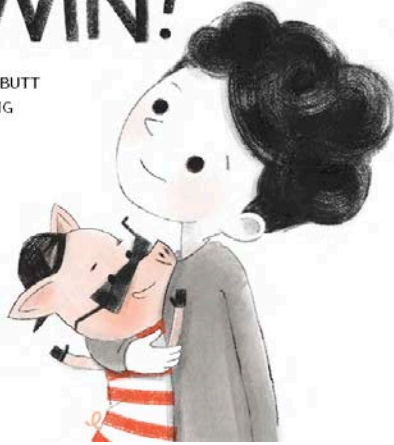


It's in ME to WIN!

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Through the eyes of a child:

Aplastic Anemia – a child's story of diagnosis, treatment and recovery

TORONTO, April 16, 2021 – When a healthy, energetic child feels too tired to play their best in an important soccer game, it appears that something is wrong.

Something IS wrong; but, it can be fixed. Readers learn how in an engaging new storybook designed to offer a clear, easy-to-understand overview of Aplastic Anemia symptoms and treatment for children and their parents who suddenly find themselves dealing with this situation.

The Aplastic Anemia & Myelodysplasia Association of Canada (**AAMAC**) announces the release of *It's in Me to Win* written by author Loretta Garbutt and illustrated by Jessica Spring. The story will make its debut at the Sick Kids Virtual Marrow Failure & Myelodysplasia Patient and Family Conference on Saturday April 17, 2021.

Loretta Garbutt is a children's author and voice actor based in Toronto, Ontario. She has played the voice of Valerie on the beloved children's television series Max and Ruby and the voice of Franklin the Turtle.

Garbutt developed a passion for children's books when working at a local bookstore where she was a storyteller, bookseller and reviewer. She is thrilled to be putting books into the hands of tomorrow's big readers.

"I'm honoured to have been given the opportunity to help support any child who is battling this rare disease."

Loretta's picture book, *A Stopwatch from Grampa*, published by Kids Can Press, April 2020, was given a starred review from Kirkus and the School Library Journal. Her next picture book release, *And J.J. Slept* is set for spring, 2022.



AAMAC is a leading funder of research into bone marrow failure diseases in Canada. It is a volunteer-run organization supporting patients and caregivers across the country who are living with aplastic anemia, myelodysplastic syndrome and paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria. To learn more, go to www.aamac.ca, where you will be able to order a copy of the book, free of charge. To contact us, please email info@aamac.ca or call 647-444-3533. Follow us on social media:

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