

Press Kit: Nina The Neighborhood Ninja

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Author Bio

Author Sonia Panigrahy, is a public health professional, world traveler, adventure seeker, and fitness enthusiast. Her motto is that life is too short to be bored!

Nina the Neighborhood Ninja was created out of Sonia's lifelong love of reading. As her family and friends begin to have children, she looked forward to sharing this love with them. She believes that books are a powerful way to empower impressionable young minds.

Sonia was surprised that she could not find books for kids ages 3-6 years that realistically identified females as intelligent, physically tough, brave, and adventurous. She was disappointed that girls continue to be excluded from the heart of the superhero story.

After unsuccessful attempts to find a young girl superhero protagonist on the pages of a book, especially one of color, she gave up. Then she created her own.



ABOUT THE BOOK

Calling All Girls to Find Their Inner Superhero!

SMART! STRONG! SPEEDY!

Nina the Neighborhood Ninja is a creative and take-charge kind of little girl who possesses all of these amazing qualities. Fiona the Firefly is her loyal and trusty sidekick. Through teamwork and bravery, Nina and Fiona spend a typical day boldly rescuing animals in trouble: a baby bird fallen from its nest, a cat left out in the rain, and — just when Nina thinks her work is done — she's called to action again!

Through a narrative and interactive questions, young readers are encouraged to recognize that the traits of being smart, strong, and speedy exist within themselves. Young girls will find this book to be a positive affirmation that they too can be superheroes. Young boys will learn to see girls for what they are capable of achieving—the same things for which they are capable.

Written by Sonia Panigrahy and illustrated by Hazel Quintanilla, this uplifting book offers a lesson to children: being a superhero has no bias in gender or race. Nina the Neighborhood Ninja provides a positive portrayal of little girls as both smart and strong while emphasizing the importance of kindness and teamwork.

Reviews: <http://www.soniapanigrahy.com/about-praise/>

The book is available as a hardcover for \$19.99, paperback for \$11.99 and e-book for \$9.99. The book is sold on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Ingram, and Baker & Taylor. There is a Spanish version, "Nina la Ninja del Vecindario."

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