

Deborah C. Mortimer

Author

**"There is no agony like bearing an untold story inside you."
— Zora Neale Hurston**



About Deborah C. Mortimer

Short Bio:

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Long Bio:

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This is how Zorah, a character named after Deborah's favorite author, Zora Neale Hurston, came to be. Zorah and her adventures are based on Deborah's own childhood, and Zorah shares her curiosity, thirst for knowledge and wonderful imagination.

An avid reader, Deborah's love of words extends to editing the works of others and reading any thriller, historical fiction, and non-fiction novel she can get her hands on. In her spare time, she loves to laugh and spend time with her family. She also hopes to help other writers overcome their creative obstacles and tell the stories they have trapped inside.

Deborah's first children's book, "Zorah and the Very Big Question" is the first book in a series intended to follow Zorah on her journey to understand the world around her. The second book, "Zorah the... Brave?" is slated to be released Spring 2022.

Deborah is also the creator and owner of Leap Forward Publishing, LLC, a book publishing imprint dedicated to developing and promoting books that focus on diversity and representation, and Mortimer Legal, PLLC, a trademark law practice specializing in protecting the brands of businesses and creatives.

"Representation is not only important to ensure that children see themselves in the world, but so that all children see, learn about and appreciate those who are different from them."

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