

"Readers will love the world [Dumas] creates, which brims with Black Girl Magic. Most, if not all, of the characters are Black, and Dumas weaves Louisiana's history of slavery into the girls' lessons and legacy of magic. She also intertwines magic with technology, giving this series starter a decidedly modern feel." —*Booklist*

"Dumas invites readers into a wonderful world of witchcraft that highlights the contributions of the diaspora; the infusion of Creole heritage and the acknowledgement of enslavement grounds this world without dimming its light. Readers will relate to the struggles of standing out, feeling inadequate, and accepting change." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"This book is **pure magic** and I was hooked from the very first page! My main question now is: how can I get Hasani to be my best friend?"  
—*Lisa Greenwald, author of the My Life in Pink & Green trilogy*

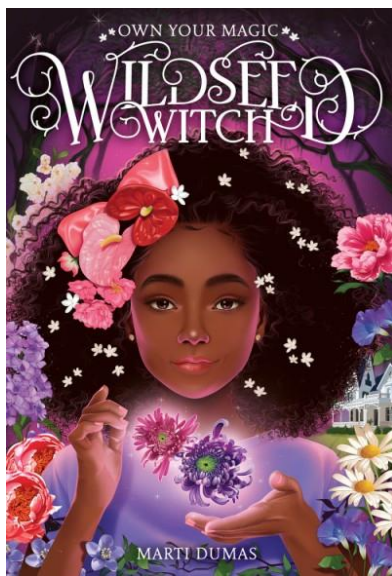
"Set in a modern-day Louisiana where technology and magic intertwine, *Wildseed Witch* is **charming and intriguing**, just like the Les Belles Demoiselles witches. Readers will cheer Hasani, vibrant as a morning glory, as she embarks on a quest to own her magic and to find **friendship, family, and forgiveness**." —*Rajani LaRocca, Newbery honor-winning author of Red, White, and Whole*

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## WILDSEED WITCH

by Marti Dumas

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From a former educator and author of *Jaden Toussaint, the Greatest*, comes **WILDSEED WITCH** (on-sale 3/10/22)—a fun middle-grade contemporary fantasy with an all-BIPOC cast, about a social-media-loving tween who gets sent to an ultra-private witch camp.

As a literacy expert, Dumas has her finger on the pulse of what kids, parents, and librarians are craving and has crafted a series opener that is sure to captivate reluctant readers. The latest entry into the burgeoning category of much-needed diverse fantasy, **WILDSEED WITCH**, takes its place amongst books like *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* and *Amari and The Night Brothers*, centering a young Black witch and celebrating, literally, Black Girl Magic. **WILDSEED WITCH** showcases sparkling prose and a funny and relatable protagonist in Hasani, while also honoring Creole traditions, and weaving Louisiana's history of slavery into the legacy of magic.

Hasani's post-seventh-grade summer to-do list is pretty simple: get a bigger following for her makeup YouTube channel and figure out how to get her parents back together. What she does NOT expect is that an emotional outburst will spark a latent magical ability in her. Or that the magic will be strong enough to attract the attention of witches. Or that before she can say #BlackGirlMagic, she'll be shipped off on a scholarship to a fancy finishing school for talented young ladies.

Les Belles Demoiselles is a literal charm school. Here, generations of young ladies from old-money witch families have learned to harness their magic, and alumnae grow to become some of the most powerful women across industries, including politicians, philanthropists, CEOs, entrepreneurs—and yes, even social media influencers. Needless to say, admission to the school is highly coveted, very exclusive . . . and Hasani sticks out like a weed in a rose bouquet.

While the other girls have always known they were destined to be witches, Hasani is a Wildseed—a stray witch from a family of non-witches, with no background knowledge, no way to control her magic, and a lot to catch up on. "Wildseed" may be an insult that the other girls throw at her, but Wildseeds are more powerful than they know. And Hasani will learn that there are ways to use magic and thrive that can never be taught in a classroom.

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# The Little Human

## Science Meets Magic

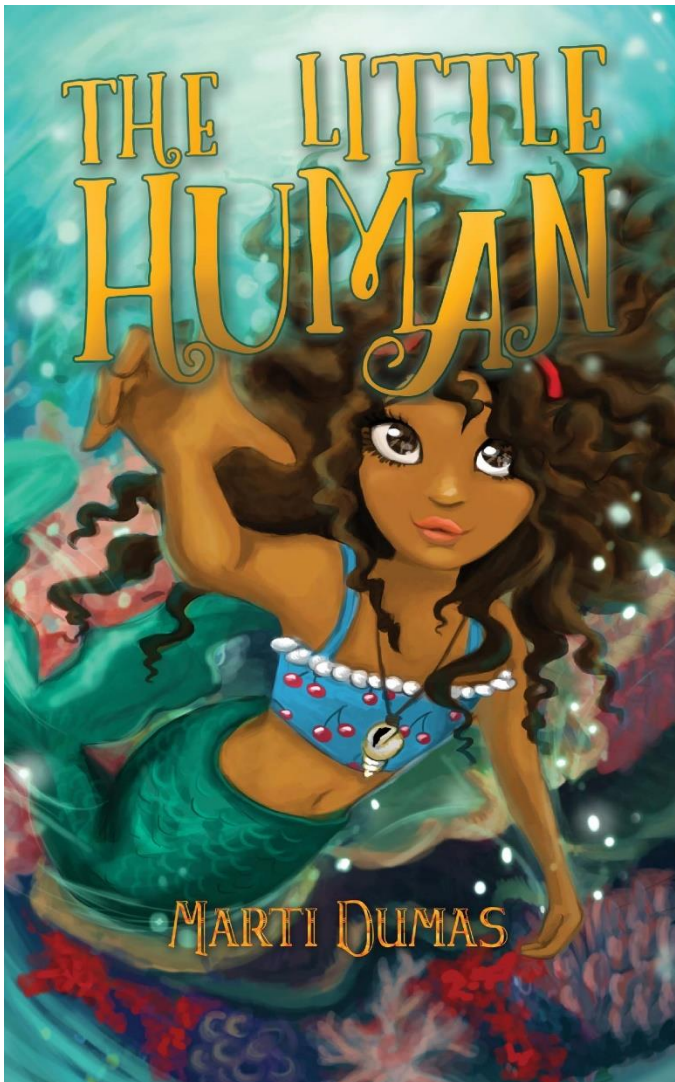
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**Author:** Marti Dumas

**Genre:** Chapter Book/Middle Grade Fiction (Ages 5-10)

New Orleans children's book author Marti Dumas' has released a story of science, magic, and the power of family, inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's classic, The Little Mermaid.

About Episode 5: Mission Star-Power



Amaya Longs to swim in the sea, and on her tenth birthday she finally gets her wish. Unfortunately, as these stories often go, getting her wish may be more than Amaya's heart can handle.

The Little Human is a modern story inspired by The Little Mermaid and other mermaid stories from around the world. Fans of classic fairytales and strong female characters will enjoy this imaginative tale that centers science, curiosity, and a person's right to choose their own destiny.

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# Jaden Toussaint, the Greatest

Making smart cool again.

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**Series Title:** Jaden Toussaint, the Greatest

**Author:** Marti Dumas

**Genre:** Illustrated Chapter Book/Middle Grade Fiction (Ages 5-10)

New Orleans children's book author Marti Dumas' has released a new book in the popular Jaden Toussaint, the Greatest series. Each book has debuted at #1 on Amazon's Hot New Releases list for children's chapter books.



## About Episode 5: Mission Star-Power

Jaden Toussaint, 5-year-old scientist and all around cool dude, wants to become super famous. The problem is that his parents won't let him upload his amazing animal facts videos to the internet. He's working on a plan, when a perfect opportunity presents itself: his class play. Jaden and his friends soon learn that being up on stage is not easy for everyone.

Jaden Toussaint's positive problem-solving techniques are entertaining for children and the adults who read with them, and give children a fun, positive role model for their own big decisions.

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# About the Author

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## Long Bio

Marti Dumas is a mother, teacher, and children's book author. Although she is southern girl at heart, Marti has spent a good deal of time navigating the hustle and bustle of Manhattan, gazing at winter snowscapes in quiet New England towns, carrying baguettes through the streets of Paris, and trying to spot dolphins off Florida's First Coast. But she always knew that, along with more than 300 years of Louisiana ancestry, the lure of watching ancient oak trees and thunderstorms from the shelter of her front porch would eventually pull her back to New Orleans. It did. She, her husband, and her two children currently call a cozy creole cottage in the Crescent City home.

## Medium Bio

Marti Dumas is a mom, teacher, writer, and creative entrepreneur from New Orleans. An expert in childhood literacy, Marti has worked with children and teachers across the country for the last 15 years to promote an early love of reading both in and out of the classroom. Her best-selling Jaden Toussaint, the Greatest series combines literacy with STEM skills, and humor, and adds much-needed diversity to the children's chapter book landscape. Her nonfiction book, Women in the Old West received a coveted Kirkus star, and Charmed Life, the latest offering in her Wildseed Witch series, debuts May 2, 2023.

## Short Bio

Option 1:

Marti Dumas is a native New Orleanian with a passion for storytelling. When she is not teaching or parenting, she is reading or writing. She prefers to do some combination of the above within view of ancient oak trees or the banks of the river. Or both. Her books, The Little Human, the Jaden Toussaint, the Greatest series, and Jupiter Storm, the first books in the Seeds of Magic series, are available in stores and online.

Option 2:

Marti Dumas is a mom, teacher, writer, and creative entrepreneur from New Orleans. An expert in childhood literacy, Marti has worked with children and teachers across the country for the last 15 years to promote an early love of reading both in and out of the

classroom. Those connections have given her a mission: to create stories that feature black and brown children where race is never the problem. Her best-selling Jaden Toussaint, the Greatest chapter book series does just that, combining literacy with STEM skills, and humor in a way that kids and teachers love. Her latest series, Wildseed Witch, is a middle-grade fantasy that combines magic, technology, family, friendship, and the power of social media.

### **Lilliputian Bio**

Marti Dumas (@MartiAndreDumas) is a mother, teacher, writer from New Orleans, and Black joy enthusiast. Her books, including Wildseed Witch and Jaden Toussaint, the Greatest, are available in stores and online.

## **Workshops, Signings, and Speaking Engagements**

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In addition to being invited to speak at schools and bookstores in New York, Chicago, Denver, Atlanta, Boston, and throughout southeast Louisiana, Marti Dumas has done numerous signings and book talks at libraries and bookstores across the country.

Dumas has also been invited as faculty various festivals, including Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators regional conferences, the Ruby Bridges Reading Festival, the Tennessee Williams Festival, the Words and Music Festival, BlerdFest, Gaithersburg Book Festival, and more speaking on topics that range from writing and children's literacy to audiobook production.

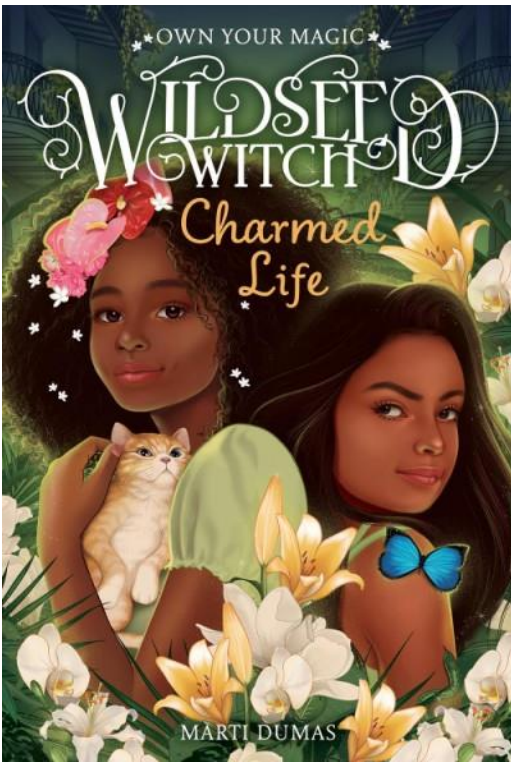
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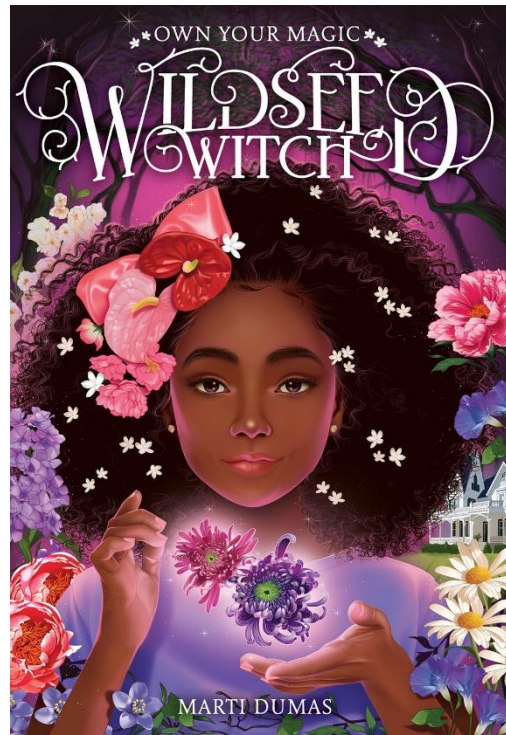
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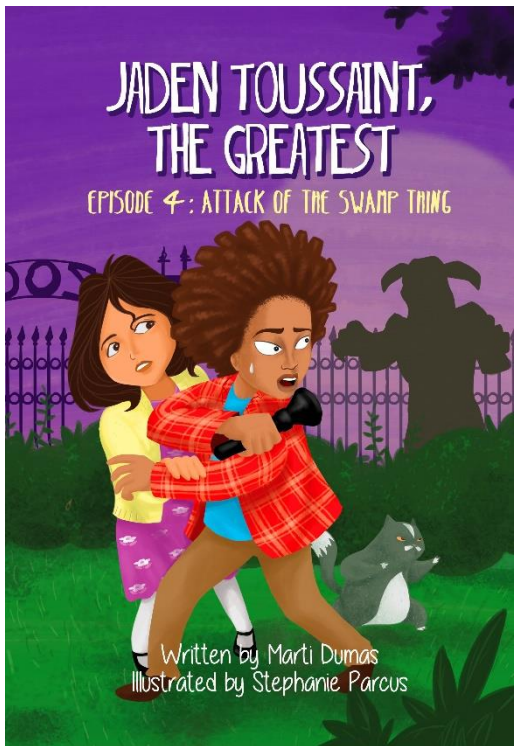
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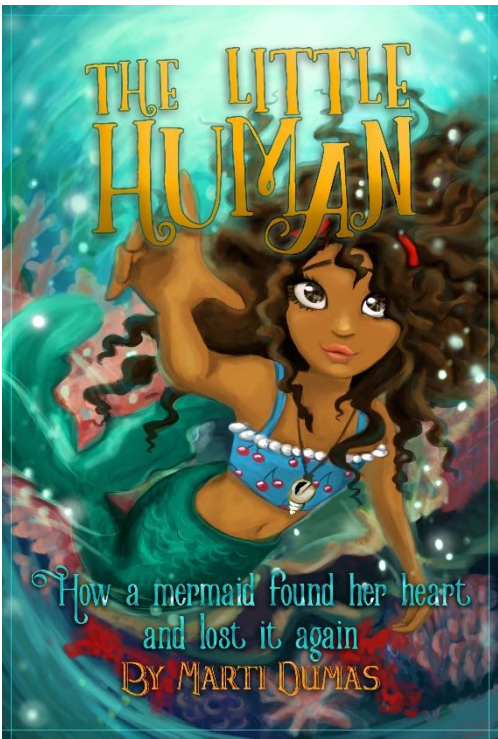


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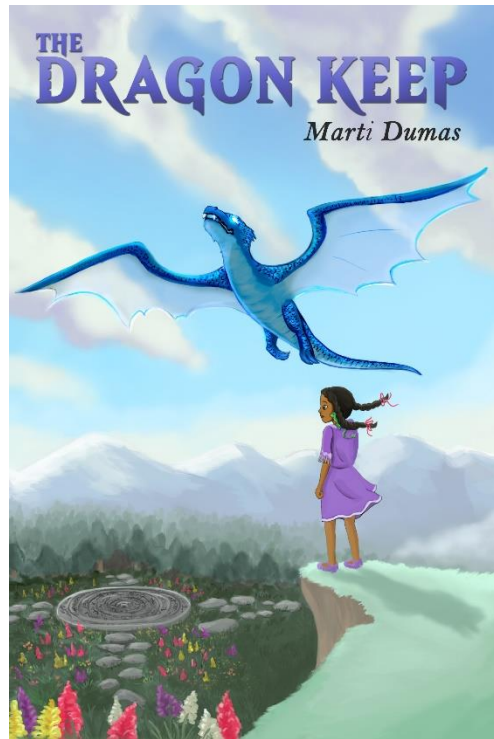


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### Forthcoming Titles



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