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New Children's Book Promotes Acceptance, Kindness

Sequel to award-winning children's book highlights issues of bullying and inclusion

CALGARY, Alberta – Readers young and old will learn an important lesson from a thoughtful, wise little boy named Prince Moonlet Little Feathers in ***The Durple: Go to School*** ([published by AuthorHouse](#)), the sequel to the 2009 award-winning *The Durple: Get Lost in Elkton Forest* written by Kathy and Ashley Jardine.

With ***The Durple: Go to School***, the Jardines craft a clever telling of bullying, inclusion and acceptance. Readers meet Prince Moonlet Little Feathers, the new kid at school in a magical wheelchair, who quickly becomes friends with the Durple – Sisters Mollyboo, Cindyloo, and brother, Woodroo. The Durple introduce the mookaluke, the musical instrument they picked up on their adventure in Elkton Forest which they detail for the class during Show and Tell.

Soon it is time for recess and Prince Moonlet Little Feathers is excited to play hide-and-seek with the other children. But the fun is suddenly stalled when Prince Moonlet Little Feathers and the Durple siblings hear Wully Bully making fun of another classmate. Though Prince Moonlet Little Feathers and the Durple step in to put an end to Wully Bully's bad behavior, an even greater lesson will soon be learned. The sky opens up and the Magic Cloud Princess appears, granting Prince Moonlet Little Feathers one wish. After a moment of pondering, he responds:

"I wish ... I wish that everyone accepted everybody else for their differences; I wish that there was no such thing as bullying and that everybody got along!"

In a heartwarming story accompanied by distinctive, playful illustrations that bring the adorable characters to life, ***The Durple*** yet again delivers an important message about kindness, respect and acceptance. Follow Mollyboo, Cindyloo and Woodroo as they share their tale with readers in this charming new book. Educators and parents are taking a keen interest in this book as it teaches very valuable lessons to children at such a young age.

About the Authors and Illustrator

Kathy Jardine currently resides in Prince George, BC. She has spent many years working with special needs children and her experiences have inspired her to write this new series of children's stories. Her daughter, Ashley, from Calgary, AB, was interested in her mother's passion and dedicated herself to helping co-author the series. Artist Cheryl Todd-Shergold, from Crossfield, AB, uses a variety of different mediums, although the majority of her work is done in oils. "Once I picked up a paint brush I never looked back," she says.

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