

SIDEWALK STORIES™

The Lemonade Landing Mat



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Sidewalk Stories has a Magical ABC Sidewalk activated by singing the “STOP-THINK-ACT” song.

“STOP and THINK before you ACT!
You’ll discover all the facts!
If you stop and think it through
you’ll decide what’s right to do!
We’re gonna STOP. We’re gonna THINK.
We’re gonna think, think, think it through!”



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Sidewalk Stories is filled with songs, problems, ideas and solutions. Bethany Butterfly opens each episode attempting to fly. With this diverse cast problems occur regularly. Ranging from small to large, emotional to physical and packed full of music that pertains to each shows dilemma. Four songs per episode.

When a problem is discovered they sing the “Stop-Think-Act” song which transforms the ordinary sidewalk, in Trevor Gribben’s front yard, into the Magical ABC Sidewalk. Thinking up any ideas they can imagine to solve their problem, the Sidewalk transports them to experience the outcome of each idea.

Which Sidewalk will they choose? Bethany Butterfly includes the audience by asking them what they might do if it were their situation.

After several alternate endings, and possible solutions, Bethany Butterfly closes each story with an explanation of the best choice for that scenario and returns to teaching herself how to fly.

The Lemonade Landing Mat.

Sammie Squirrelly has been caught with lemonade that doesn’t belong to him. He comes up with his own ideas how to get out of Uh-Oh Trouble!

- Option A: Get Rid of the Evidence.
- Option B: Blame Someone Else and
- Option C: Tell the Truth.

Which Sidewalk will Sammie Squirrelly choose? Join Bethany Butterfly and friends as they experiment with possible solutions to solve his dilemma and sing “Uh-Oh Trouble” and “The Truth” songs.



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How Otis Oaktree Opened His Eyes.

The 1982 hailstorm stole Otis's courage! Where on earth did it go? How will he ever be able to open his eyes and feel safe again? He thinks up these ideas...

- A: Live Inside Trevors House.
- B: Ask Mother Nature to Stop the Rain.
- C: Trust His Friends.

Otis Oaktree shares his tale of the robbery in the "1982" song. What will happen to him, and his friends, if Mother Nature agrees to stop the rain? Singing the "Stop-Think-Act" song activates the Magical ABC Sidewalk so they can safely find out.



Meet Moby Mutt.

Trevor wants to be a responsible dog owner. But how, when his own dog won't listen to him? Out of ideas the gang sings "Favorite" and helps him at the Magical ABC Sidewalk.

- Option A: Get Moby a Friend.
- Option B: Dog Training.

After a punk rock show Trevor uncovers why Moby Mutt hasn't been listening. Now he knows what to do and doesn't need an Option C: Now, he is ready to Meet Moby Mutt.

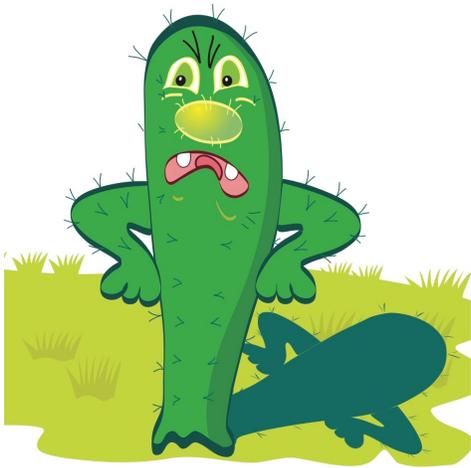
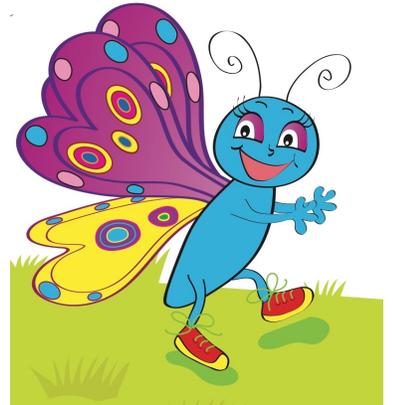


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Meet the Cast

Bethany Butterfly...

Positive. A cheerful problem-solver who is loyal and dedicated to teaching herself how to fly Butterfly FLY-Y-Y-Y.



Crispy Cactus...

One cranky, meanie greenie! Bossy and selfish but a bit misunderstood. He longs to be included but pushes you away instead. Prickly.

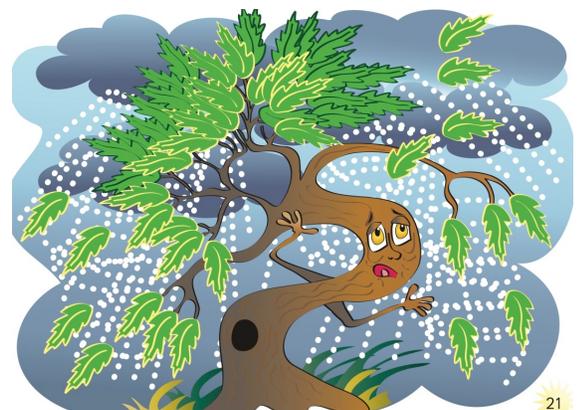


Willow Worm..

Sassy! A smart and impatient caterpillar who's jealous of Bethany. When she likes herself for who she is, she will become a butterfly.

Otis Oaktree...

Afraid. Since the 1982 storm stole his courage he grew with a curve in his trunk to be closer to the earth and further from the scary sky. Otis is missing out on life due to his fear.



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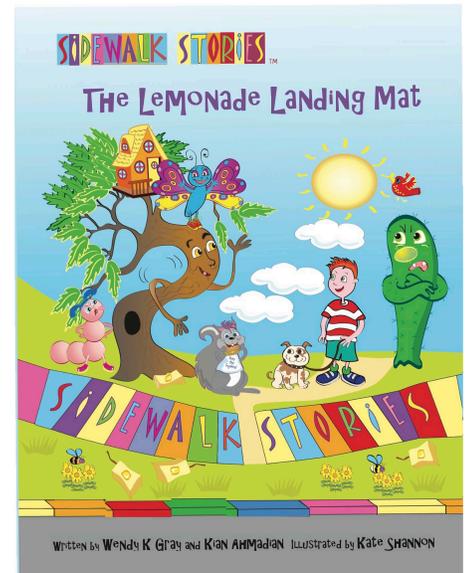
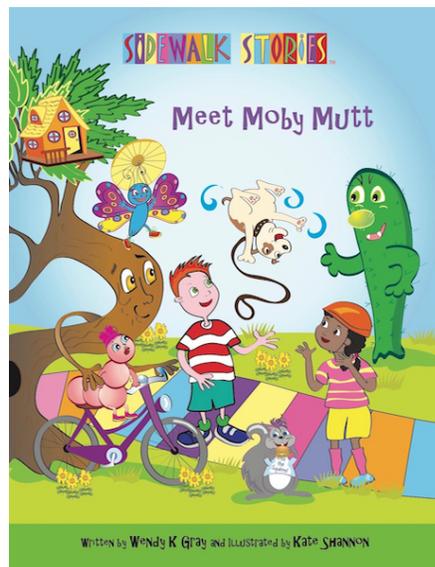
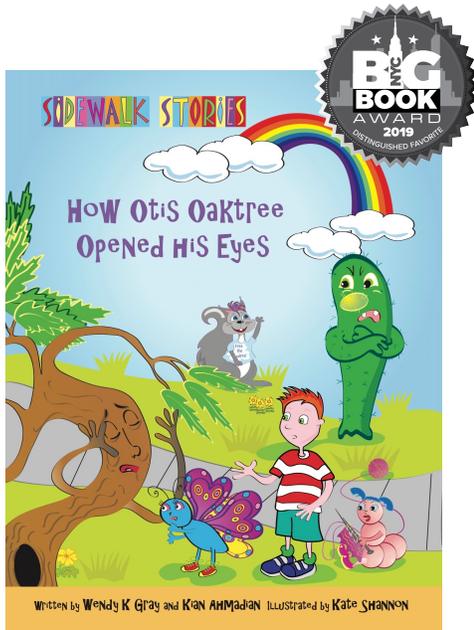


Sammie Squirrelly...

Storyteller. Sammie is out for a good laugh and a good time. He's adventurous and mischievous and still learning right from wrong.

And Trevor Gribben...

The good kid who wants to do the right thing but is still just a kid! He lives in the house in front of the Magical ABC Sidewalk. And his side-kick Moby Mutt does too.



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The **STOP-THINK-ACT** Song wins finalist in the USA Song Writing Competition. **Sidewalk Stories How Otis Oaktree Opened His Eyes** wins “Favorite” in the 2019 New York City Big Book Award.

**“It’s been in your front yard and you didn’t know it.
It’s just about time and we’re gonna have to show it.
It’s the Sidewalk. Sidewalk Stories.**

**Magical you will see. Magical for you and me.
Sidewalk Stories!”**

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