

New Children's Book Brings Magic, Courage, and Cultural Pride to the Hospital Experience



Chicago, Illinois Jun 30, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Pediatric intensivist and healthcare equity advocate **Dr. Nekaiya Jacobs Pratt** has released her debut children's book, *The Magic Bonnet: Zoe's Hospital Adventure*, a beautifully illustrated tale that blends wonder and bravery with cultural celebration.

Told through the eyes of young Zoe, this heartwarming story explores the emotional world of children

navigating unfamiliar hospital settings. As Zoe clutches her stuffed elephant at the hospital entrance, her worries melt away when Mama presents a magical bonnet—emblazoned with a smiling sun—that promises to help her be brave.

"Every child has courage inside them—sometimes they just need a little magic to find it."

The bonnet becomes a symbol of transformation, empowering Zoe through magical moments and cultural affirmations, and helping her realize that courage comes in many beautiful forms.

This uplifting story was inspired by **Dr. Pratt's Curly Hair Council**, a groundbreaking initiative founded to provide inclusive hair care products to hospitalized children. Her work has been nationally recognized by **Essence Magazine** and **Good Morning America**, and she was named **2024 Diversity Champion of the Year**.

The book is now available on **Amazon**: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0FB46KNSW>

About the Author

Dr. Nekaiya Jacobs Pratt is a pediatric intensivist at a Chicago Children's Hospital and the visionary behind the Curly Hair Council. A graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina, she currently serves as an assistant program director for pediatric residency training and is a passionate advocate for diversity in medicine. Her work has transformed the hospital experience for children across six states. She lives in Chicago with her husband and their miniature pinscher, Reese—and when she's not saving lives or writing, she can be found in her shark onesie watching *Shark Week* or dancing with her mom to *I Hope You Dance*.



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