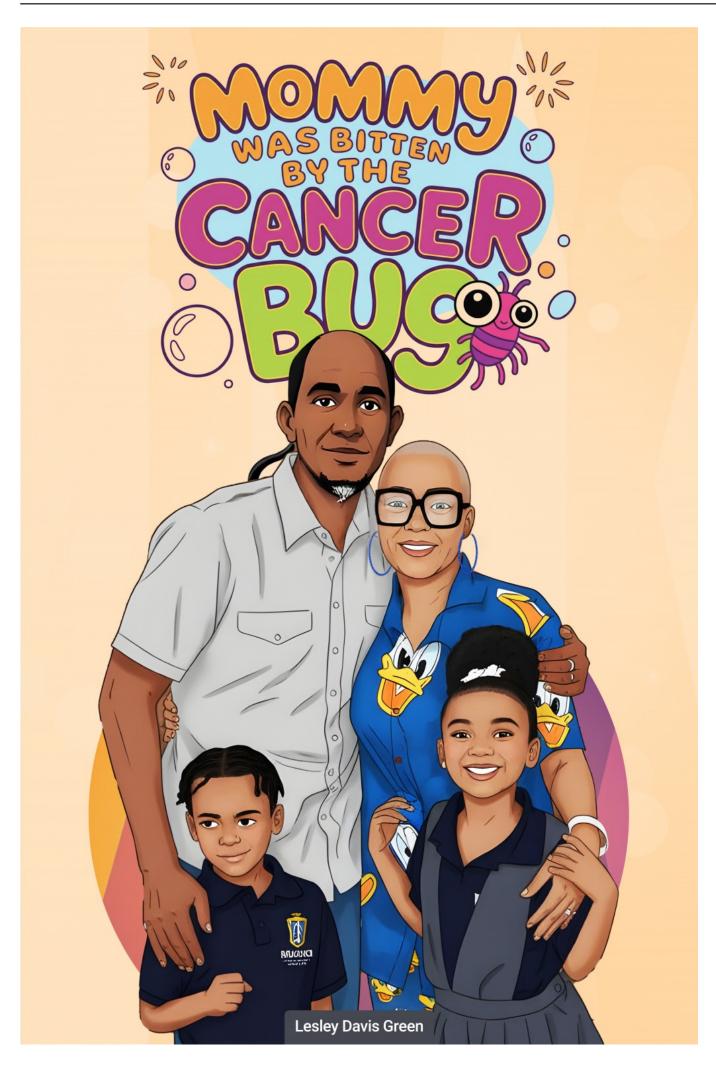
A Heartfelt Children's Story About Courage, Family, and the Fight Against the "Cancer Bug"



Los Angeles, California Nov 27, 2025 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - With tenderness, humor, and remarkable honesty, *Mommy Was Bitten by the Cancer Bug* by Lesley Davis Green offers young readers and families a compassionate window into what it means when a parent battles breast cancer — seen through the vibrant, unfiltered voices of two children determined to protect their mother in the only way kids know how: with love, imagination, and fierce loyalty.

Told in lively, playful dialogue and rooted in real family moments, *Mommy Was Bitten by the Cancer Bug* turns one family's hardest season into a story of unity, courage, and childlike hope. What begins as confusion — a mysterious "bug" that makes Mommy skinny, tired, bald, and sick — becomes a journey of understanding, resilience, and togetherness.

A Children's Book That Speaks the Language of Kids — Even During Life's Hardest Moments

Ebony and Louis don't fully understand chemotherapy, cancer cells, or immune systems. But they understand what they see: Mommy throwing up, Mommy losing her hair, Mommy losing her energy, Mommy changing.

So they give the illness a name they *can* understand — **the cancer bug** — and embark on a mission to help Mommy fight it.

Through their eyes, readers experience:

The Innocent Logic of Childhood

Kids don't see cancer the way adults do.

To them, chemo medicine should be "spit out," IVs are confusing, and baldness can be fixed with glittery princess makeup.

Their questions are simple — but deeply human:

- "Is Mommy going to die?"
- "Are you a boy or a girl now?"
- "If Mommy dies... can we just dig her back up?"

These lines are funny, heartbreaking, and real.

The Power of Family Rituals

Even during treatments, the Greens try to keep life magical — karate classes, Bluey marathons, school events, silly dances, birthday plans, and the most important holiday of all: Halloween.

Joy becomes medicine.

Strength in Togetherness

Whether shaving Mommy's head as a family, comforting her through pain, or protecting her from teasing, Ebony and Louis rise to the occasion in ways only children can:

- fiercely
- loudly
- lovingly
- · and with total sincerity

Their belief that Mommy will beat the cancer bug becomes the heart of the story.

A Story for Families Facing Illness — or for Anyone Teaching Kids About Empathy

Mommy Was Bitten by the Cancer Bug fills a gap in children's literature: an authentic, kid-friendly depiction of what cancer looks like inside a real household.

It is especially meaningful for:

- Families navigating a parent's illness
- Teachers, counselors, and mental-health professionals
- Children who feel scared, confused, or helpless
- Parents seeking a sensitive way to start difficult conversations

This book matters because it lets kids ask questions, express fear, and stay themselves — while showing parents that honesty, humor, and togetherness can soften even the hardest truths.

Early Reader Insight

"A tender, funny, and beautifully real portrayal of what children see — and what they feel — when a parent battles illness. Ebony and Louis's voices are unforgettable."

About the Author

Lesley Davis Green was born and raised in the Los Angeles area in a loving Lutheran home. After exploring several career paths — including early childhood education — she discovered that storytelling was her true passion.

She still resides in Los Angeles with her husband and two children, who inspired much of this book's humor, heart, and authenticity. When she's not writing, Lesley enjoys connecting with readers and sharing her journey online.

Availability and Contact

Mommy Was Bitten by the Cancer Bug will soon be available in print and digital editions through major online retailers.

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