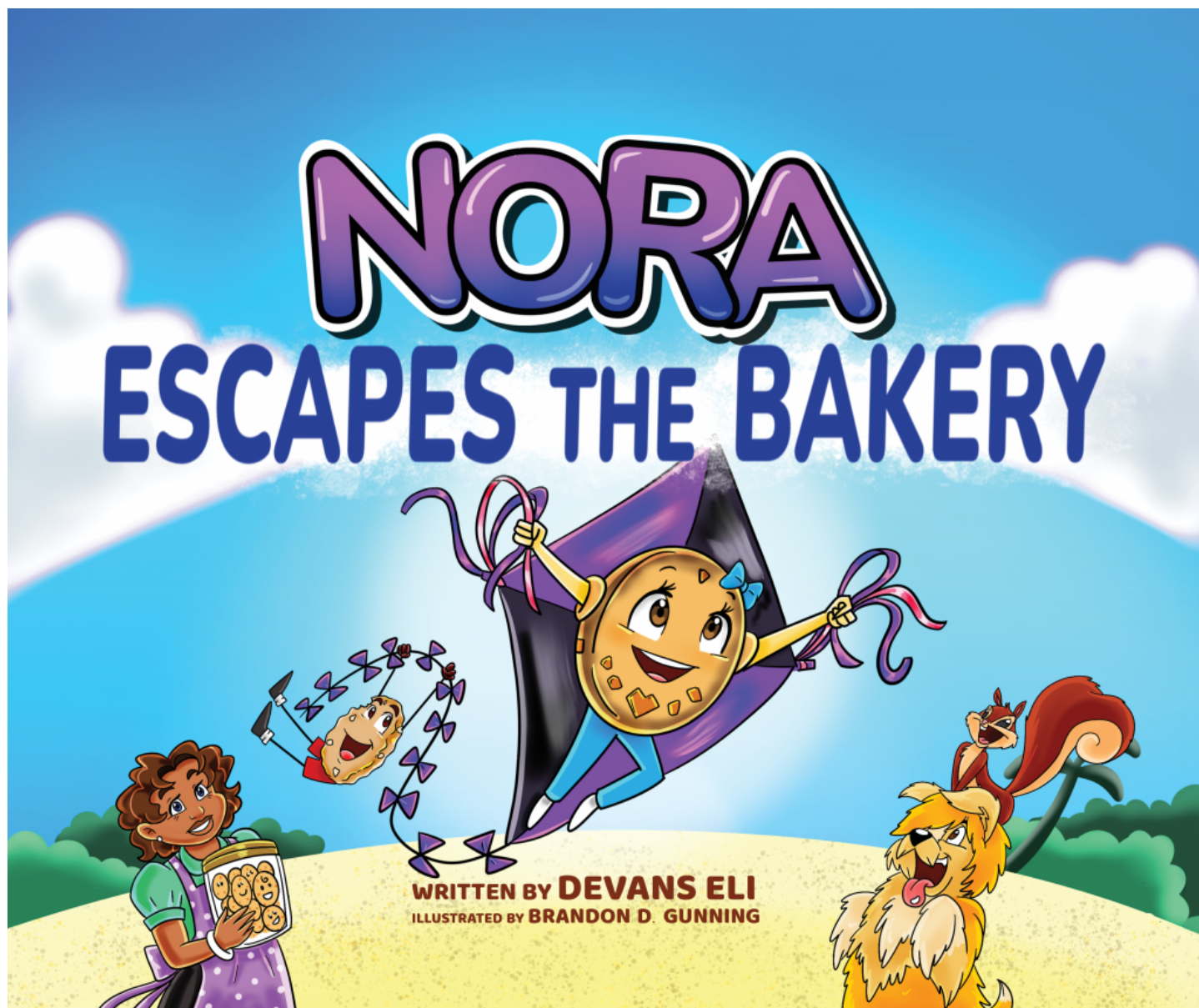


## New Children's Book *Nora Escapes the Bakery* Helps Young Readers Explore Courage, Friendship, and Feeling Seen

A whimsical picture book for ages 5–10 about courage, friendship, and discovering who you are.



**Baltimore, Maryland May 13, 2026** ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Author Devans Eli announces the upcoming release of *Nora Escapes the Bakery*, a children's picture book for ages 5–10 about a brave butterscotch cookie who leaves the safety of the bakery jar and discovers adventure, friendship, and the courage to believe she still belongs. The book will be available June 1, 2026, in hardcover and eBook formats.

### What the Book Is About

In *Nora Escapes the Bakery*, Nora is tired of waiting to be chosen. Determined to find more beyond the cookie jar, she slips out of Gayle's Bakery and begins an unexpected journey through the beach,

boardwalk, and beyond. Along the way, Nora faces danger, meets a new friend named Preston, and learns that adventure can be exciting, scary, and full of lessons she never expected.

### **Why the Book Matters**

With its playful storytelling and social-emotional themes, *Nora Escapes the Bakery* gives children a fun way to explore courage, impulsiveness, fear, kindness, friendship, and belonging. The book is especially fitting for parents, caregivers, educators, and librarians looking for a meaningful read-aloud that opens conversation about big feelings, brave choices, and the importance of knowing your worth even after difficult experiences.

*“I wrote Nora Escapes the Bakery for children who are loved but may not always feel fully seen,” said Devans Eli. “Nora’s adventure reminds young readers that courage is powerful, but it also teaches them that they do not have to lose themselves to prove they are brave.”*

### **Perfect For**

Children ages 5–10, bedtime reading, classrooms, libraries, SEL discussions, and parents or caregivers looking for a meaningful, fun story.

Includes full-page illustrations, built-in discussion prompts, and a bake-and-draw activity to extend the adventure and bring the story into real life.

### **Title: *Nora Escapes the Bakery***

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