

# Valencia M. Perkins

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Valencia Perkins is a Children's Book Author, a Charter School Teacher, and a Holistic Lifestyle Blogger. She was born and raised in the heart of North Memphis, TN, and has two little girls. She attended MAHS and graduated as an honor student and number five in her senior class. She also became the co-founder of LOVE Girls Magazine Memphis. Valencia graduated from Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a minor in Spanish in Nashville, TN, which is a historically black college.



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While attending college, she was a part of LYLAS, Futuro, and the NAACP. After graduating, she began teaching high school students in Memphis, TN.



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Valencia is currently the Author of three children's books. Her newest book, "Guns Down So No One Gets Gunned Down", is set to be released in February 2023. It's a controversial topic but a story we've heard before, especially in the city of Memphis.

*"This third book I knew would make people either upset or happy that someone finally chose to address the issue of gun violence in a children's book. When I was a little girl, I lost a play buddy to gun violence. Someone walked into her house and shot her to death. I remember asking my mom about what happened to her, and my mom could never really explain it to me.*

*It was an awkward thing for her to address with her child, and after that, we just moved forward with life as if nothing happened. I wrote this book to help parents start this conversation about gun violence as it affects many of us at young ages. We need to talk to our babies so that they can understand the purpose of guns, maybe this book could help save a life or two."*

Valencia writes books in hopes to teach kids hard lessons about life that are difficult for parents and guardians to explain.

