



## About the Author

I was born December 26, 1947 on a cold, blustery winter's night, just 45 minutes after midnight. It was the day after Christmas, which always made me feel very special to be born at such a Holy time of the year.

My name is Marianne Jones. I have accomplished many things in my life. After high school, I married and started a family. Being that I loved children so much, I had always dreamed of being a mommy. I later had three beautiful children: Brian, Dean, and Debra Jones.

After successfully raising three children, I embarked on a career to fulfill some of my dreams. I continued to educate myself and started a small business with only \$25. It was an Import/Export Business. It was a lot of fun.

In between the raising of my three children, I did many things, such as worked as a Food Broker, Executive Administrator for a Roofing Company, worked with the Relief Society helping the poor, and much more.

Several years passed and I went to medical school and graduated with honors as an Ophthalmic Tech. But, in the back of my mind, there was one thing I wanted to do more than anything else, and that was write a Children's Book. I pondered over this for years.

One summer day 15 years ago, I dreamed up these little characters Cedric and Friends. And from that day forward, I have been working toward my life-long dream of being a writer and creating lessons to be learned and lots of laughter and happiness for children to read about.

I feel that my persistence, dedication, and enthusiastic optimism are a testimony of my belief that:

**“If you have a dream, no matter what it is or how long it takes,  
just follow through with it. Don't give up.  
Dreams do come true...as long as you believe”.**

**— written by Marianne Jones**