



# THE HOCKEY JERSEY

## Endorsements



**P.K. Subban**

"*The Hockey Jersey* is such an important book for building a more diverse future for hockey, for all kids. When you're a kid growing up, having someone or something to look up to is so impactful for visualizing your future. For many kids, that will be *The Hockey Jersey*. The characters in this book give kids from all walks of life the chance to see themselves as part of the game. But more than that, this book drives home the belief that you can be anything you wish, regardless of where you come from or what you look like, both on the ice and out in the world. Personally, as a proud uncle to my six-year-old niece Angie, I am so excited that she will have the opportunity to see herself as part of the game through Kareema's story."



**Natalie Spooner**

"*The Hockey Jersey* highlights some of my favourite elements of the game: friendship, support, and teamwork. From hand-me-down equipment to idolizing my hockey-playing brothers, there were many parts to Kareema's story that I could relate to. But what stuck out the most to me when reading it was how much I wish I had a book like this, with a little girl on the cover, when I was growing up."



**Akim Aliu**

"*The Hockey Jersey* hits close to home for me and it'll resonate with so many budding hockey players. Speaking from experience, diversity and representation in hockey is much needed, and this book is part of bringing that wave of change closer."



**Cassie Campbell-Pascall**

"*The Hockey Jersey* reminds me of what it felt like to play on a team as a kid. I started playing hockey with an all-boys team, which was a bit intimidating to say the least. But I loved the game, and my memories of skating at full speed prevail over the parents who didn't want a girl playing on a boys' team. I remember how I felt getting my first-ever hockey jersey, and the symbolism of friendship, teamwork, and the lifelong lessons it represented. This book perfectly captures the feeling of getting your first jersey. I loved playing hockey and adore what the female game has become even more so."



**David Amber**

"A beautiful story that reflects the childhood dream we all share. *The Hockey Jersey* welcomes us all to participate and be included in the game we love."

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**Caroline Cameron**

*"The Hockey Jersey* is a vulnerable story of friendship, family, and belonging, encapsulating the true joy and value of sports."



**Donnovan Bennett**

"Sports have long been a great platform to tell important stories. As a new dad, I see the power of storytelling through books for young kids, but am painfully aware that the genre isn't as diverse as its readers. Thankfully, *The Hockey Jersey* provides representation for young Black children, and a heightened awareness and understanding for all readers, big and small. The incomparable Jael Richardson has once again found another venue to tackle identity and belonging and the talented Chelsea Charles brings the story to life with illustrations full of humanity, which evoke pride."



**Brendan Shanahan**

"The sport of hockey has always provided an opportunity to connect the individual to their larger community, and vice versa. *The Hockey Jersey* helps highlight to both adults and youth alike, the power of unity and inclusion that can come with being a part of a team."



**Saroya Tinker**

"Growing up, I didn't have anything like this. There weren't any books about Black girls playing hockey. *The Hockey Jersey* shows that people like me belong. We all deserve to wear our jersey proudly with the family we make on the ice."



**Angie Abdou**

*"The Hockey Jersey* is a beautiful celebration of the sport's potential to bring people together, reminding us that at its best, the sport turns strangers into teammates. The athletic arena can—and should—be a place of belonging. This book is an absolute winner, a delightful read for competitors of every age."

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