

# Caitlin Starmer

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Caitlin Starmer is a preservice teacher in Bellingham, Washington. She is a student at Western Washington University, preparing to start student teaching in a first grade classroom at Northern Heights Elementary in the fall. Although she has wanted to be a teacher for several years, she has taken on a particular interest in early childhood literacy since attending university. In an experience working with first graders on their writing workshop, she saw how reading and writing can be powerful tools for expression, representation, and development in young children. She feels great gratitude for the opportunity to accept this Grant, and is hopeful that these books will start a classroom library that will provide spaces for love, creativity, and

representation, for decades to come.