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Tenaflly Third Grader is Published Author; Writes Books for Young Readers

Mackay Elementary student creates The Adventures of Jack & Jill mystery series.

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Tenaflly, NJ – January 3, 2023 – When nine-year old Matteo Marciano had a great idea for a new book, he didn't let his age stop him from achieving his dream; he wrote two. The now-published author and Mackay Elementary School third grader is currently working on his third book and plans to tackle non-fiction in the future.



"I like reading, so I decided that I could write," said Marciano.

Marciano wrote his first book, the mystery of Jack, Jill and the Ancient Crystal in 2021 when he was seven years old. The book follows the adventures of orphans Jack and Jill who discover a crystal and the events that soon follow.

"Mystery is good because I can end on a cliffhanger and then write more books," added Marciano.

Published in November 2022, his second book, Jack, Jill, and The Pirate's Curse, continues the orphans' adventure as they travel underground and meet mummies, ogres, and a nasty skeleton and demon. Both books are illustrated by Dan McCann and are available in paperback on Amazon.

Each book took the young author about a year to complete. Marciano began drafting book three soon after he completed his second book. Book three continues the mystery of the missing crystal.

The successful author has inspired his classmates, and several students admit to having ideas for their own books. So, what advice does Marciano give to other aspiring writers? "Make sure you keep your ideas in your mind and in a notebook."

To learn more about Marciano's books, visit [his Instagram site](#) or the [Amazon website](#).

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