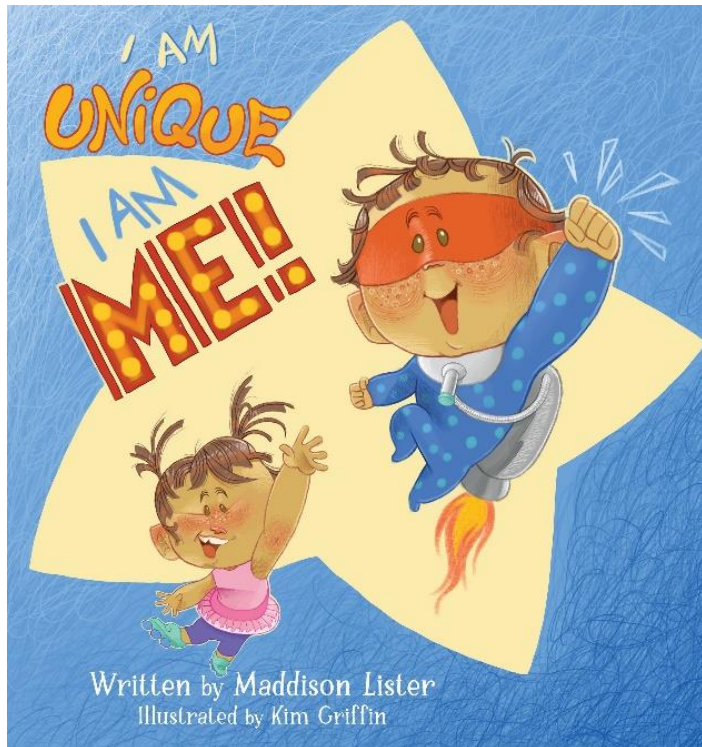# I AM UNIQUE I AM ME!

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AUTHOR BIO

Maddison was born and raised in Esperance, a small coastal town on the south coast of Western Australia.

She now resides in Perth where she lives with her partner and daughter.

After a slight career change, Maddison embarked on a new journey working with children and their families battling various medical conditions.

This is where her passion was ignited and she felt the need to encourage acceptance and to celebrate all of the beautiful differences that make us who we are.
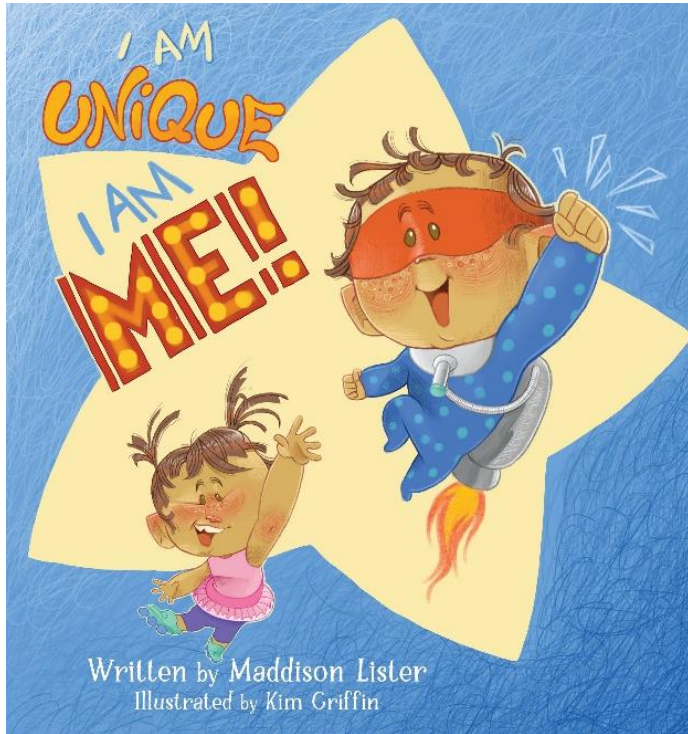
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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHY YOU WROTE THIS BOOK - WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?
In 2017, I began working for families and their children with complex medical needs, I met some beautiful families along the way and writing this book is my way to show that they and their children are not alone.

My two main characters are inspired by a beautiful brother and sister that I had the privilege to work with, they had overcome so much as a family and still had a long way to go. Their positive outlook on life was inspirational. I also spent a lot of time at the Perth children's hospital, this was such an eye-opening experience and really encouraged me to put pen to paper to hopefully put a smile on some children's faces and brighten their day even just for a moment.

HOW HAD YOU DECIDED ON THE BEST CHARACTERS FOR THE BOOK?
I have really tried to be diverse with my characters, making sure there was inclusion for all, different ages, ethnicity, and gender.

HOW DO YOU CREATE OR MODEL YOUR CHARACTERS TO FIT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STORY AND THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE READERS?
Each character has their own uniqueness, and a real focus has been made on all of the wonderful things they can do or the special quirks that make them, them.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR YOUR FUTURE BOOKS?
An extension on the first book, something a little more in depth and focusing on the characters individually.

HOW LONG DO YOU SPEND RESEARCHING BEFORE BEGINNING A BOOK?
This book has been written in my mind for a long time. Each time I would come across another child with a special uniqueness about them, I would make a mental note of the impact they had on me and eventually I wrote it all down.

WHAT DOES LITERARY SUCCESS LOOK LIKE TO YOU?
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