

Get to Know Gina

Gina is an award-winning children's book author, teacher, mentor, and entrepreneur who has always loved a good story. Her love of reading led to degrees in English and time spent teaching at the University of Wyoming and Presbyterian College. While homeschooling her son, she enjoyed the opportunity to teach kids at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

Today, Gina is a busy writer of nonfiction and children's books. An entertaining and engaging speaker, Gina is also a requested speaker on the topics of deliberately seeking joy and cultivating a hopeful outlook. She is often interviewed on radio, television, and podcasts. Her work has appeared on The Hallmark Channel, in *The Epoch Times*, American Essence Magazine, and many other publications.

Gina is the author of *This Day's Joy* and *Finding This Day's Joy*, a micro-memoir and guided journal for adults. Her children's work includes the Holly's Choice series from Boys Town Press, *Davey and Goliath* with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and the Emma Davenport comic strip. She cohosted *The OnlySchoolers Podcast*, exploring the unique challenges of homeschooling only children, and co-authored two books on home education: *A Homeschool Vocabulary* and *The Best Year Yet*.

Gina and her husband, award-winning author Richard Prosch, reside on her family's heritage farm outside Jefferson City, Missouri. When she's not working, you may find her in the garden during the summer months or curled up reading, quilting, or crocheting when the weather turns chill.



## The Presentations

#### POPULAR TOPICS

- \* Finding Joy When You're Just Not Feelin' It
- Cultivating Hope When It's Hard
- \* The Power of Positive Emotions in a Negative World
- \* Hitting Curveballs When Life Throws You for a Loop
- \*Your Life Story: Where You Were Where You Are What Comes Next
- \* Writer's Workshops



The kids all loved having you here.

Thank you again for coming and sharing with us!

--Miriam



The Books

## HOLLY'S CHOICE- THE SERIES FROM BOYS TOWN PRESS





The Holly's Choice series is grounded in children seeing how — through their choices — they become active agents in their own lives. Whether it's finding joy, cultivating hope, or showing love – we all have choices! And those choices make a difference in the way we experience the



# Adult Books





#### KEYNOTES & WORKSHOPS

- Emotional Resilience & Positive Leadership
- Finding Joy When You're Just Not Feelin' It
- Hope is S M A R T
- Hitting a CurveBall When Life Throws You for a Loop
- LifeStories: Where You've Been and What Comes Next



#### SCHOOL VISITS

- Activate Your GPS! Great Personal Skills
- Finding Joy
- Fostering Hope
- Tips and Tricks to Become a Better Writer
- Do You See What I'm Saying!: Fun with Language
- How Do I Write a Story?
- Story Borders: Exploring the Elements of Storytelling
- What Do Writers Do All Day Anyway





I work at an elementary school, and our principal has been frustrated with some of the teachers and their attitudes.

So she read your book at a staff meeting!
You only find joy if you look for it!

Excited for your next book.

~ Judy W.

### Jefferson City, Missouri

Born and Raised

#### **Babysitting**

First Job

#### Dana College

BAs - English and Humanities

### University of Wyoming

MA - English

#### Presbyterian College

**English Department** 

#### Lohman Hills Creative, LLC

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#### The OnlySchoolers Podcast

Writer - CoHost - Producer

#### Hand Quilting & Crochet

Passion Projects

#### The Nebraska Junk Jaunt

Still on My Bucket List

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- professional conferences
- interviews for podcasts, blogs, magazines, and social media



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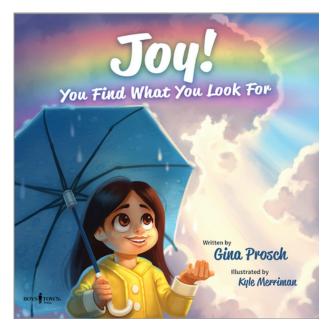


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Holly is having a terrible day! Nothing good has happened, so when she climbs into the backseat of the family car, she doesn't notice the cupcake and juice Mom has waiting for her. Holly is completely focused on all the things that are wrong.

To lighten the mood, Mom convinces Holly to play a game of Count the Red Cars. But when they arrive home, Mom doesn't ask Holly how many red cars she saw. Instead, she asks Holly how many yellow cars she spotted.

Turns out the game was never really about cars and colors. It was actually a lesson about what you choose to see, and now Holly will never look at life the same way again!



"Beautiful artwork and an even more beautiful story... I will be reading this book to my little one every time she starts feeling she's had an awful day. ~ Damita

"The book is simple without being preachy or overly simplistic, and I'm ordering copies for all of the kids in my life." ~ Nancy

"I loved how it was introduced and compared to the car game the main character and her mom played in the car on the way home from school. Such a great reminder for adults and children! Great illustrations with vibrant colors, this book is the perfect addition to a classroom or home library!" ~ Victoria

Title: Joy! You Find What You Look For

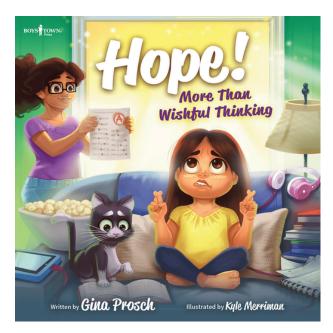
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The night before a test, Holly socializes more than she studies. On exam day, Holly hopes the test won't be too hard, and she really hopes to score big. But when her grade is posted online, she feels a mix of disappointment and disbelief.

Holly tells her mom that she'd hoped really, really hard but it looks like that wasn't enough. Mom gently reminds Holly if she wants to make her dreams come true, she has be an active participant by staying motivated, putting in the effort, and being resilient.

What Holly learns about a different kind of hope....one that's more than wishful thinking!

### Sooo Periews

"Great book to teach that hoping isn't enough that you also need to work for what you want! My 8 year old loved this book and wants to make a poster just like it." ~ Terra

"As a school social worker, I'm thrilled to add this book into my resources for working with students. It proved to be an excellent resource, offering a practical strategy for achieving success. The simplicity of the content made it easy to understand, and the beautiful illustrations enhanced the overall experience." "Bethany

"This was such a cute and beautifully illustrated children's book! I loved the values it expressed. It's okay for things to be hard or for kids not to get it right away, and I loved that this book embraced that concept and provided a helpful path to overcome any perceived failure via H.O.P.E!" "Courtney

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