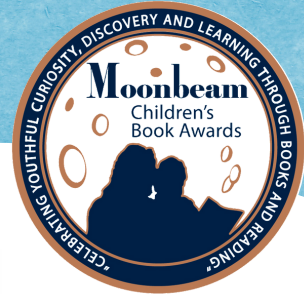
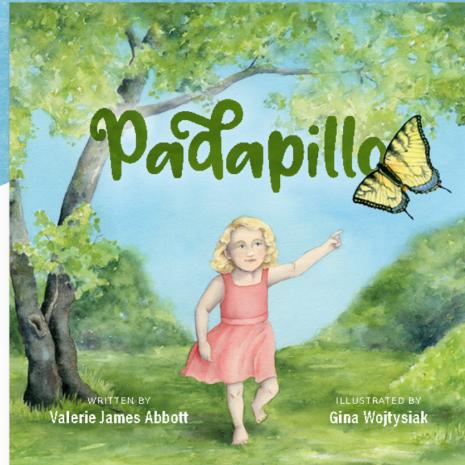


"Next to love,
hope is the most powerful fuel
of the human spirit."



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The Author

Valerie James Abbott is an award-winning author, a passionate parent-champion for early hearing detection and intervention programs, and an active promoter of parent-to-parent support organizations. She is also co-founder of Late Onset Hearing Loss Awareness Week and author of *Padapillo*, a children's book inspired by her own family's journey.



The Book

Published in May 2021, *Padapillo* is based on the true story of how the Abbott family discovered and came to terms with their child's mysterious postnatal hearing loss. The story is narrated by the attentive, yet incredulous, older sister and describes the questions and emotional journey family members often experience.

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