

About the Author

Antonee Boykin

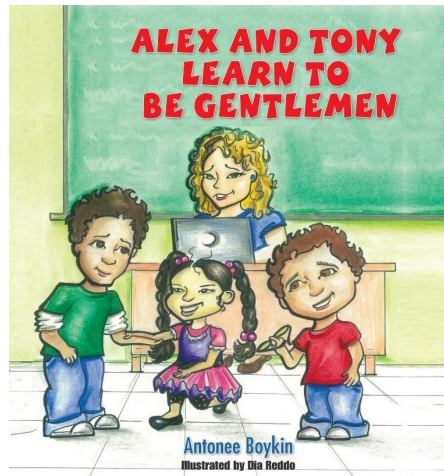


Antonee Boykin is a picture book author from Mobile, AL. *Alex and Tony Learn to be Gentlemen*, is the first in a series of children's books that teach valuable life lessons geared towards elementary school age children. She hopes that Alex and Tony will entertain as well as open dialogue in schools and families about issues such as the importance of being polite. Antonee is a graduate of Auburn University in Auburn, AL. She holds a BA in Mass Communications, and has long considered herself a writer before being published. The mother of twin boys, whom she describes as the inspirations for Alex and Tony, she and her family reside in Birmingham, AL.

“As a child I always wrote short stories and mock books, so to have my work published is a dream come true. I hope that Alex and Tony become household favorites, and are inspirations to children everywhere.” ~Antonee Boykin

About the Book

Alex and Tony Learn to be Gentlemen



Alex and Tony are observant seven year old fraternal twin brothers who admire their parents and are constantly learning from each of them. One morning during breakfast when Tony finally decides to ask dad why he always pulls out a chair from under the table for mom to sit down, Alex and Tony both learn a valuable lesson about what it means to be a gentleman. It isn't until later that day at school that the boys are able to actually put that lesson to use and experience what it feels like to be gentlemen.

In the first of an upcoming series of children's character building books from author, Antonee Boykin, *Alex and Tony Learn to be Gentlemen* is **perfect lesson teaching literature that will undoubtedly spark dialogue in families and schools about the importance of courteous behavior.** It's an ideal book for children of both sexes in that it not only focuses on how little boys should conduct themselves as gentlemen but also how little girls should expect to be treated as well. Alex and Tony's father serve as an excellent example for his young sons in the way that he acts towards their mother. He also further displays exemplary role model characteristics in the way that he takes time to carefully explain to his children why he treats their mother the way that he does and why it is equally as important for them to behave as gentlemen towards the girls and women that they encounter

Geared towards K-3 elementary school age children, *Alex and Tony Learn to be Gentlemen*, is a must read for children of both sexes and all races.



Alex and Tony Books

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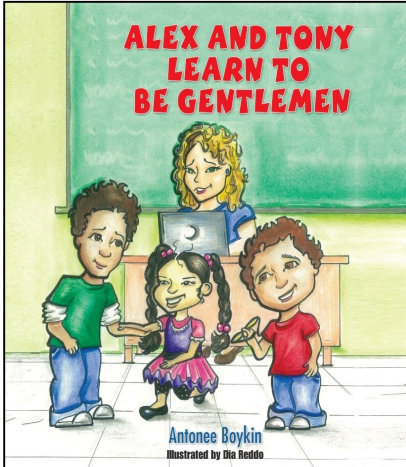
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Alex and Tony Learn to be Gentlemen - \$13.95

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- *Alex and Tony Learn to be Gentlemen* gives parents and educators a visual way to engage children into a dialogue about the importance of being polite.
- This is the first in a series of character books for children that cover topics parents have difficulty or neglect explaining.
- This story couples an intriguing lesson with complementary illustrations to give children meaningful insight on the value of respect.

BIRMINGHAM, AL - Birmingham, AL resident, Antonee Boykin, introduces characters Alex and Tony to the children's literary world in *Alex and Tony Learn to be Gentlemen*. This Mobile, AL native and first-time published author, tells a story of two brothers learning by example the importance of behaving as gentlemen in this series opening children's book.

Alex and Tony are observant, impressionable twin brothers who have an affinity for learning. Their parents, who the children admire and from where they acquire knowledge, are excellent examples of the saying, "parents are their child's first teacher." The author has created a mother and father who demonstrate a priority to display positive, imitable behavior, as to not only influence their children through their words, but actions as well.

One morning, Tony decided to ask their father why he always gets a chair for their mother before she sits at the breakfast table. Through his explanation, Alex and Tony both learn a valuable lesson about what it means to be a gentleman. Later that day at school, the boys are presented with an opportunity to transform their father's words into action.

Alex and Tony Learn to be Gentlemen serves as a great teaching tool for children of both genders. With a lesson-filled storyline and vibrant illustrations, this book is a must have for every child's library.

For additional information and author interview requests, visit the author's website at www.alexandtonybooks.com.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Antonee Boykin describes her first publication as a dream come true. Drawing inspiration from her twin sons, she saw a need to create a story that wasn't just entertaining, but morally stimulating as well. She's currently working on the next book in the Alex and Tony series.

Dia Reddo is an accomplished artist who operates her business, sketch.i.dia (www.sketchidia.com) in Murfreesboro, TN. She often gets requests for a variety of artwork that range from caricatures, drawings, and murals to oil paintings. Dia has a passion for art that reflects in everything that she creates.

Alex and Tony Learn to be Gentlemen - Story by Antonee Boykin - Illustrations by Dia Reddo

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