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***Christian Century Magazine Names Cedric and the Dragon Among Best Picture Books of 2011***

Cheerful picture book shows kids everyone has something special to offer

**Title:** *Cedric and the Dragon*

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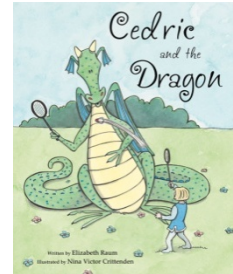
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(St. Paul, MN) Alma Little, an award-winning imprint of independent publisher Elva Resa Publishing, is pleased to announce *Cedric and the Dragon*, written by Elizabeth Raum and illustrated by Nina Victor Crittenden, has been recommended by *Christian Century* magazine as one of five notable picture books of the year for young children.

**About the Book**

The unlikely hero in this story is young Prince Cedric, who was slow to walk, has a tough time with reading and math, and fails miserably at dragon-slaying school. But with kindness and his love of hugs, Cedric saves the kingdom. This cheerful picture book reminds us there is more than one way to solve a problem and reinforces the idea that everyone has something special to offer. *Cedric and the Dragon* offers a gentle message about kindness with delightful watercolors and a loveable dragon.

**About the Magazine**

*Christian Century* is a progressive, ecumenical magazine based in Chicago. Committed to thinking critically and living faithfully, the *Century* explores what it means to believe and live out the Christian faith in our time. Read online at <http://www.christiancentury.org>.

**About the Author and Illustrator**

Elizabeth Raum, a former librarian, is the author of more than 50 books for children. Since she's never found a dragon in her backyard, she decided to write about one instead. Prince Cedric reminds her of her granddaughters who are learning to look for the good in others and to treat everyone with kindness. Elizabeth enjoys biking, reading, and hugging!

Nina Victor Crittenden is a Minnesota-based artist and certified veterinary technician. She has never met a dragon either, but was once an iguana-sitter. *Cedric and the Dragon* is her first book.

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