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NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK RELEASE: *Cedric and the Dragon*

Cheerful picture book shows kids that everyone has something special to offer

Title: *Cedric and the Dragon*

Author: Elizabeth Raum, illus by Nina Victor Crittenden

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(St. Paul, MN) Alma Little, an imprint of award-winning independent publisher Elva Resa Publishing, is pleased to announce the release of *Cedric and the Dragon*, a picture book by Elizabeth Raum and Nina Victor Crittenden.

Prince Cedric is slow to walk, has a tough time with reading and math, and fails miserably at dragon slaying school. But with kindness and bravery, and his love for hugs, Cedric saves the kingdom. This cheerful picture book reinforces the idea that everyone has something special to offer. The book's gentle language and plot promote nonviolence as a way to solve conflict and remind readers there's more than one way to solve a problem.

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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