

# George Johnson



George is an award-winning children's book writer, playwright, and screenwriter. Dixi Books published *How Hope Became An Activist*. Readers' Favorite called it “uplifting and optimistic.” It was a Finalist for the Montaigne Medal for the most thought-provoking books. Another picture book *Sophia's Secrets* won the Pacific Northwest Writers' Association Children's Story competition (Clavis Books, 2023). *Marisa and the Mountains* (Simply Read Books, 2021) was a Finalist in the Chocolate Lily Book Award, and a Finalist in the San Francisco Writers Conference Contest, as was *Aldo Renaldo and the Renegade Alphabet* (Histria Kids, 2023). A second Aldo book, *Aldo Renaldo and the Numbers That Just Don't Add Up*, is forthcoming, as is another picture book, *Pinky's Moving Story*, about a house moved from Nicola Street by the Kelson Group.

George is a creative writing Professor at Thompson Rivers University in British Columbia. He believes in the power of literature to create empathy. Most of his work reflects his long-time advocacy of social justice, for which he received the YMCA Peace Medal in 2019. His eco-comedy play, *Boomerangst*, was produced by Chimera Theatre in 2023. His environmental songs, *Climate Crisis* and *Salmon Run*, with his band, Intensive Care, are available on all platforms. He enjoys camping, canoeing, x-country skiing, and swimming, but he has not encountered a mermaid – lately.