



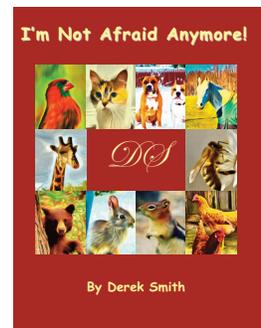
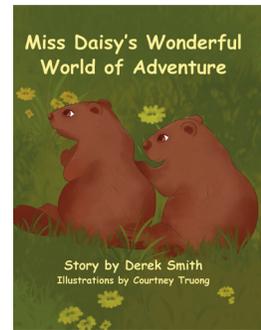
## About the Author

Derek Smith was born and raised in Northern Ontario, which is where he developed his love of nature and wildlife. With expansive bushes at his disposal, he loved to go deer and moose watching. Derek loves his new home in Guelph, Ontario, because he continues to watch and enjoy various types of wildlife. He is passionate about empowering others, especially children, through storytelling.

## About the Books

In the summer of 2023, a groundhog appeared at Derek Smith's patio door. Thus began a relationship that has lasted over two summers. Derek named the groundhog Miss Daisy, and he wrote this book after being inspired by that relationship. It is a story of the adventures that Miss Daisy and her babies have had while exploring and making new friends along the way! Through all these adventures, Miss Daisy's babies learn valuable lessons about listening to Mom's rules, as well as the joy of caring and sharing with others.

Just like many of our animals friends in this book, Derek Smith grew up with many of his own fears when he was growing up. He learned that if he shared his feelings with his family and friends, they could help him work through the things that he was scared of. Now he too is not afraid anymore!



## About the Craft of the Month

We'll be making popsicle stick bird feeders ... the perfect craft for Spring!!

And as an added bonus ... if your parent/guardian brings an old cup and saucer they have lying around, we send them home with their own feeder as well!

