



Message from André A. Lewis



It is my passion to inspire others to find their wings and soar!

Life was not always easy for me but I had dreams to “be more” and “do more.” Despite some of my circumstances, I wasn’t going to be deterred from pursuing my goals. But I didn’t do it without the support, and guidance of others. Now it’s my turn to give “a lift” to others and help them live their dream. It is my hope through my customized storybooks that I can help educate, encourage, and empower children, communities, and organizations to help make this world a better place for all!

Welcome to LIVES

Literacy * Inspiration * Values * Education * Story



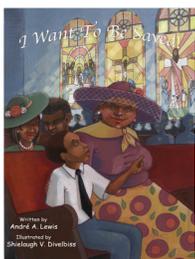
I Want To Fly!

When I was a child in Columbus, MS, I spent time with my grandfather as he grilled the best BBQ for a local store. Between batches, I would lay out in the fields and look up into the sky wanting to fly. Through excelling in school and ethics taught by my grandpa while working with him, I made my dream come true. *I Want To Fly!* was written to inspire “dreamers” that childhood dreams can become a reality and that there are generous people who can and will help.



Alexander and Renee versus Dr. DeCay

I cracked one of my front teeth while playing outside with friends and had the good fortune to have it fixed with a cap. My dental experience had a good outcome but not so for a 12-year-old who died in 2007 from a brain infection resulting from an untreated tooth abscess. I wrote this story of Dr. DeCay and his desire to “ruin your teeth” to educate children how dental care is essential for your overall well-being and health.



I Want To Be Saved!

During the summer of 1982 at age 15, I joined the “mourning bench”, a two-week church activity for children to learn the lessons of the bible. I was that boy in the book. This experience of taking an opportunity to rectify “a wrong” was transformational in instilling the idea of doing what is right, even when no one is looking and the right choice could save a life.



We Want Computers!

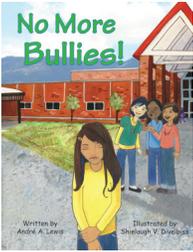
In six grade my teacher, Mr. Finley, told me that I should go to M.I.T. and become an engineer. I didn’t know what either meant. The technology gap can still be great for children who do not have access to computers. *We Want Computers!* shows students what they can achieve when using computers and how a “new world” can open up for them. I wrote this book to be the Mr. Finley in children’s lives and to teach the importance of technology to fulfill future jobs.

**Written at request of the Oakland Unified School District (Oakland, CA).*



The Fitness Challenge

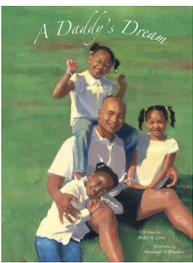
Childhood obesity is an epidemic in the U.S. I grew up playing football and riding bikes across town. My active childhood continued as fitness was one of the pillars at U.S. Air Force Academy. *The Fitness Challenge* story shows how choosing proper nutrition and outdoor exercise is a good habit to practice while young and into adulthood. The book provides activities, the FDA food pyramid, and has an erasable calendar for children to track activities that encourage and motivate by seeing daily progress and success.



No More Bullies!

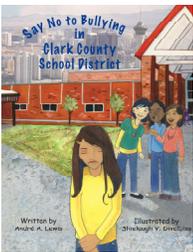
Bully victims are two to nine times more likely to consider suicide. The story identifies the five types of bullying -- verbal, non-verbal, physical, emotional, cyber – and what to do when encountered. *No More Bullies!* teaches specific ways to deal with bullying, the importance of bystanders' participation, and who should be informed about the situation. Included are guidelines created by social workers and counselors for parents on how to work with the school if their child is being bullied.

**Written at request of Casper, WY school district using their policy on bullying*



A Daddy's Dream

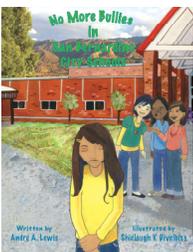
A father should be a daughter's first love and the bond between father and daughter is one of the most important relationships a girl will ever have. As a father to three daughters, it was my responsibility to show them how a man should treat a woman and what it is to be treated well. I knew if I set the best example, my girls would grow up to be strong, independent women with a sense of their own self-worth and choose healthy relationships.



Say No To Bullying In Clark County School District

This was the first modified version from one of my original books. It was adapted to suit the needs of school district in Las Vegas by replacing and choosing new pictures, adding their bullying policy and changing names of the characters to make the story more relatable and have a greater impact on the students.

**Written and adapted at the request of school district*



No More Bullies In San Bernardino City Schools

This was the second adaptation of *No More Bullies*. Also added to customize, was promotional material regarding their afterschool program to encourage participation.



Making It Better Secondary Anti-Bullying

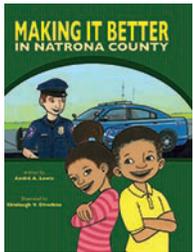
I created a digital anti-bullying book for Casper, WY high school students.



Making It Better His Version

Eight percent of high school students, report being lesbian, gay, or bisexual. These students are twice as likely to be bullied and more than likely to stay home from school to avoid violence on the way to school or on the grounds. Almost 30% have attempted suicide. I created an app to address the issues concerning children/teens that question their sexuality. The app invites readers to explore themselves with a story that allows them to make choices at critical moments in the storyline. The choice determines the path/direction of the story. Included are words of wisdom by a psychologist to help children/parents navigate different situations. App was released for no fee though is no longer available for free distribution.

**App created at request of Executive Director of the Matthew Sheppard Foundation*



Making It Better In Natrona County

Police Departments and communities should be partnerships. The storyline for this book involves children of color as the protagonists, the police officer is white, and a gang of children are different races. The book addresses why/how not to join a gang, how to avoid being abducted by strangers, telling the truth, respecting your community, and being a leader. The police department advised safety tips for children and parents and are listed in the book.

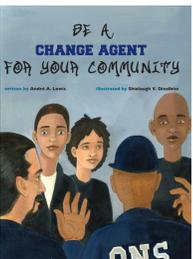
**Written at request of Police Chief of Natrona County, WY*



Police Athletic/Activities Leagues - Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary 1914-2014

Over the past 100 years the Police Athletic League has impacted the lives of millions of youths nationwide from all walks of life and socioeconomic backgrounds. To celebrate their anniversary, this book was a modification of No More Bullying, Making It Better with the addition of the history of PAL, current PAL programs and preventing truancy. The book is read to groups of children by police officers and then discussed to improve the relationship between law enforcement and children.

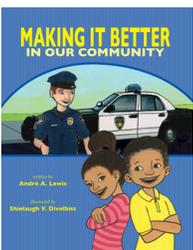
**Written at request of Sheriff Activity League in San Mateo, CA*



Be A Change Agent for Your Community

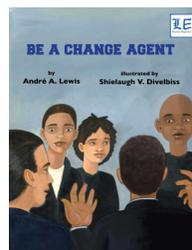
Gun violence and gangs impact communities. This book tells the story of the killing of an innocent child during a drive by shooting. To show how and why a community needs to be involved in change, the story unfolds with the public coming together to heal and provide ways to stop the violence. The change comes with gang members now walking children to school, preventing drugs from being sold in their neighborhoods, and celebrating community day at a park. The book shares the positive impact that ONS has had by significantly decreasing gun homicides in the city in less than 10 years.

**Written at request of Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) in Richmond, CA*



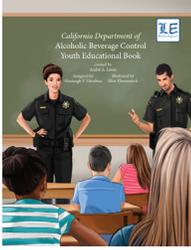
Making It Better In Our Community

This is a modification of the Natrona version making it generic for any community to help improve the relationship between law enforcement and children.



Be A Change Agent

This is a modification of the ONS Richmond book to have the protagonist be a pastor vs. a community activist.



California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Youth Educational Book

Twenty five percent of fatal teen accidents involve underage drinking. This book was inspired by the Casey Goodwin case, which changed the law, making the person providing alcohol to minors responsible. The story opens with teens involved in an alcohol related car crash that ends in the death of a girl. ABC agents investigate the party and the adult who provided the alcohol is arrested. The story continues with ABC agents making presentations to students about the dangers of underage drinking and ways not to succumb to peer pressure. The book includes resources for parents and children.

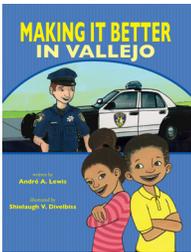
**Written at request of Alcoholic Beverage Control agency*



Let's STEAM Ahead

Every child's dream is special. STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, & math) was designed to inspire students to pursue careers in these fields and achieve their dreams, as I did mine of becoming an engineer and a pilot. In the book, professionals from these industries speak to the children inspiring them to realize "I can do this!" It shows them that hard work and determination can make their vision of STEAM come true.

**Written at the request and grant from Valero, and support from Boeing, USAF, USAFA, SoftBank Robotics.*



Making It Better in Vallejo

This book was customized for the Vallejo Police Department with their logos and shields added to the illustrations to make it more relatable to local children making the police officers more identifiable and real to the children.



Excited To Serve

Being part of something greater than you can lead to a better life. I wrote this book to inspire children and parents to join a service organization to make the world a better place for all. The story has two immigrant teens as the protagonists in the story. They move into a new community and are initially met with negative interactions, but soon are befriended by teens who are a part of a school service club. Through this relationship, the teens help create a community day to bring everyone together to share their backgrounds, enjoy entertainment, food, music, and each other's company.