



## Cooking Up Stories: How Nancy Shepherd Inspires Young Readers and Future Chefs

In honor of National Author Month this November, we are shining a light on local children's author Nancy Shepherd, whose passion for literacy, storytelling, and cooking has led her to create a unique platform for young readers—Rolling Pin Production. With a mission to inspire the next generation, Nancy's books and products are about more than just entertainment; they aim to build life skills, ignite imaginations, and foster community connections.

At Rolling Pin Production, Nancy combines the magic of storytelling with the joy of cooking, encouraging children to embrace literacy while refining their cooking palettes. Nancy's first children's book, *The Adventures of Mighty the Mini Rolling Pin*, introduces young readers to Mighty, a tiny rolling pin who learns big life lessons about hope, friendship, and resilience. Mighty's adventures highlight the importance of never giving up, even when faced with challenges, making it a perfect story for kids who love a little baking and a lot of heart.

Rolling Pin Production goes beyond the written word. Nancy's lifelong love of cooking and baking inspired her to develop a line of handmade spices, rubs, and dipping oils that pair perfectly with her books, making it a hands-on learning experience for the whole family. As Nancy says, "I love books, and I love words—they change lives! When put together in just the right way, words can inspire us, educate us, and even make us feel loved."

Nancy's commitment to literacy is also evident in her mission to create Rolling Pin Reading Rooms in under-served areas. These spaces will provide children with access to books, nurturing a love of reading in communities where books are not always readily available. You can help make this vision a reality. How can you help? She needs a local space for her reading rooms that families or children can easily access. She also needs funds from local businesses or foundations that can support the creation of this space. Rolling Pin Reading Rooms even plan to create rolling pin benches for children to sit on, with slots for books. If you would like to designate funds for a bench, please let Nancy know. You can buy an extra book! When you purchase one of Nancy's books, consider buying an extra copy that will go to a child in need through the Rolling Pin Reading Room initiative.

Nancy also offers author visits to schools and events. Nancy's presentations and visits can be tailored to various events, addressing topics from writing to baking, life skills, and her mission to create Rolling Pin Reading Rooms. Whether for educators, parents, professional groups, or older students interested in writing, her presentations inspire audiences of all ages.

In addition to National Author Month, November is also Family Literacy Month, and Nancy is bringing her love of reading to the local community in a big way. "At Texas Southern University in my department on campus we are organizing a Family Literacy event on November 13th. We have invited the children (and parents) from the on-campus child learning lab for 'Let's Read Together.' We will have fun reading stations, and I will read my book and give away surprise bags and books as well. We are really excited about this," said Nancy.

Nancy believes that every child should have the opportunity to read and succeed. "Every child should have the opportunity to read. With the right tools and access, children can be successful in life," she says.

As Nancy Shepherd, based in Kingwood, TX, continues to write and expand Rolling Pin Production, her heart remains with children and families, helping them connect through stories and food. Join her in supporting literacy and creating joyful learning experiences by exploring her books, spices, and community initiatives. Let's celebrate the power of storytelling, one page—and one recipe—at a time.

To purchase her books, spice rubs, or learn more, you can visit Nancy online at [www.rollingpinproduction.com](http://www.rollingpinproduction.com).

