

Candida Sullivan



Author and Speaker

Survivor of Amniotic Band Syndrome

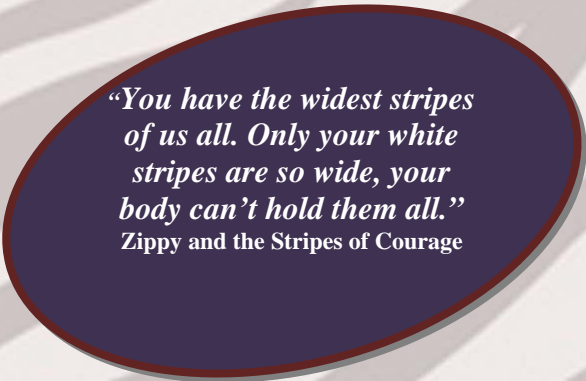
Advocate for Differences

Spokesperson for the Children's Reading
Foundation of Appalachia, KY

Perspective is Everything

We change our life by how we view our circumstances.
We either be a victim or become a survivor.

CANDIDA SULLIVAN understands being different, bullied, and shy. As a little girl, she prayed every night for God to heal her scarred hands, and often wished for a way to escape the pain of her difference. She also understands the amazing feeling of defying the odds, changing her perspective, and learning to accept it all.



*"You have the widest stripes
of us all. Only your white
stripes are so wide, your
body can't hold them all."*
Zippy and the Stripes of Courage

Since the release of her books, Candida has traveled the nation and made over sixty school visits in ten different counties, been interviewed internationally and featured in a top 50 magazine of the world, and served as spokesperson at over thirty literacy events and festivals. She wants to encourage everyone to celebrate their differences and become more accepting of others.

Candida's message is heartfelt and inspiring. All children can relate with Zippy, the main character in her books, and learn how to deal with bullying, overcome obstacles, persevere, make friends, and ultimately learn, not only to accept their own differences, but to celebrate them as well.



Author shares message through Zippy

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An East Tennessee author is in schools reading her books with Zippy the star of a series by Candida Sullivan. Zippy is a zebra born with a physical difference. She recently read one of her books to a group of students at Midway Elementary School in New Tazewell. She has visited 40 schools in the area with her zebra mascot Zippy.



A great children's book difference

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As any parent knows, children are u



amniotic membranes become... prevent the full development... before birth.

Candida knows that it a beautiful blessing she survived and wanted to... dealing with physical differences including amputation, scarring, and birthmarks. In addition, her books are also aimed at helping families deal with the aftermath of

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Local author



Candida Fuson Sullivan has been chosen as this year's spokesman for the The Children's Reading Foundation of Appalachia — Kentucky.

Guest Speaker

It is Candida's goal to educate, encourage, and inspire others. She is available to speak at your event on any of the topics listed. She can customize her speech to your specific needs.

Time: 30 minutes to 1 hour

Price: Contact Candida for pricing information and availability

SPEAKING TOPICS

- **Understanding and Celebrating Differences**— Candida addresses her scars caused by Amniotic Band Syndrome and her viewpoint on life. She makes sure the kids understand that she survived the trauma and is alive to love and to be loved. She never allows her condition to become pitied or viewed as anything but a blessing.
- **Bullying**— Candida knows the effects and turmoil bullying causes. She has lived it and overcome it. She reinforces positive behavior when it comes to any type of bad situations. She encourages the children to fight bullying with kindness. Candida explains to the kids that the ones, who treat us the worst in life, need our kindness the most.
- **Making a Difference**— Candida always encourages the children to strive to make their world a better place. She promotes working hard, helping others, and the benefits of a smile.
- **Overcoming Circumstances**—Candida shares some of her struggles and as well her secrets to overcoming hardships. She offers tips and hope for beating the odds.
- **Literacy Encouragement**—Candida highlights the gifts of reading. She points out the benefits and rallies to get the kids excited about books.
- **Positive Thinking**—Candida discusses the power of positive thinking. She uses examples and shows how important it is to train our minds to think for success.
- **Becoming a Survivor**—Candida addresses the fact that bad things do happen to us sometimes, but she uses her life story to teach others how to transform from a victim to a survivor.

SAMPLE INTERVIEW AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Why did do you write about a zebra with no stripes?

Do children relate with Zippy?

How are you and Zippy alike?

How did you become a survivor of Amniotic Band Syndrome (ABS)?

Does ABS affect your everyday life? How do you overcome your circumstances?

Why do you think a positive attitude is so important?

Why do you promote the message to celebrate our differences?

Does it bother you to share so much of your life with other people?

Were you bullied as a child? How do you encourage children to overcome bullying?

What is your involvement with The Children's Reading Foundation of Appalachia Kentucky?



School Visits

Candida would love to visit your school! She does each classroom as well as school assemblies. While she would love to do all the visits free of charge, it is just not possible. Her rates are affordable and her message is priceless. She has references upon request.

Following are various types of school visits that Candida offers. She also offers custom visits for each school to meet individual needs. She will also talk about any topic listed above at the teacher's request. Candida always provides an opportunity for kids to ask her questions.

- Story Time and Zippy Mask – Preschool through 1st grade
Candida will read her book to the students, and the class will make a Zippy mask afterward. She uses the mask to show the beauty of differences. She also gives the students a Zippy coloring sheet from her book.

Total time: 30 minutes to 1 hour

Price: Contact Candida for pricing information and availability

- Zippy Play – 2nd grade through 4th grade
Students will get an opportunity to act out one of Candida's books. She will have different masks for the characters in her books, and children will actually be a part of the story. Afterwards she will talk about being an author.

Total time: 30 minutes to 1 hour

Price: Contact Candida for pricing information and availability

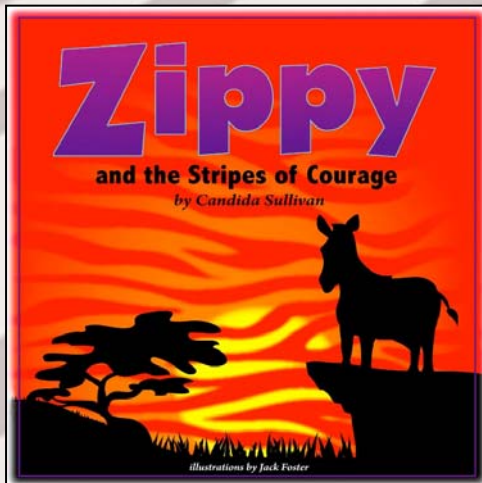




- Writing Workshop – 5th grade through 8th grade
Candida will use her book *Zippy and the Stripes of Courage* to explain the process of picture book writing. She will go through the steps and even show how to make a “practice” book. The children may also share their stories with her.
Total time: 1-3 hours
Price: Contact Candida for pricing information and availability
- Her book and Story – Single classrooms or school assemblies, any age
Candida will read her book and cover many of topics listed above in her personal story. This is her general visit.
Total time: 1 hour
Price: Contact Candida for pricing information and availability

Students love Zippy and always want a book to take home. Candida offers a special discount and autographs each book purchased. She encourages the school to send home a note to parents to explain her visit and give them a chance to pre-purchase book(s) for the child.

Candida's Books



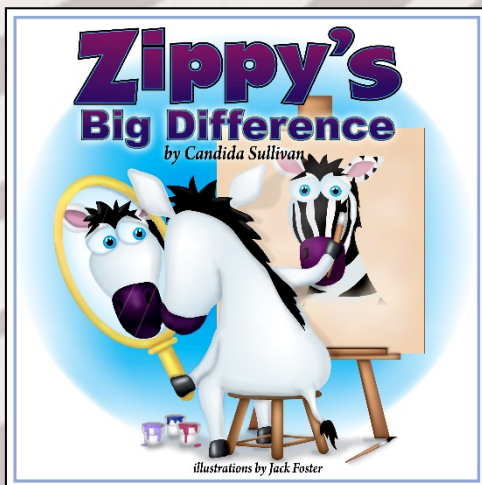
Zippy and the Stripes of Courage is a story about how Zippy the zebra came to accept himself for who he is. It teaches children to celebrate one another's differences and to treat others as they themselves want to be treated. \$13.99 (also available in Spanish and Russian)

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1. **Zippy and the Stripes of Courage**
by Candida Sullivan, Jack Foster
★★★★★ (5)
Publication Date: December 31, 2011
Paperback
Price: **\$13.99**
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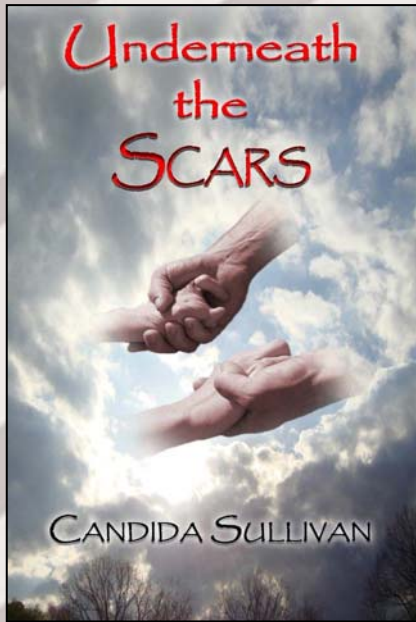
Zippy's Big Difference is a story about how Zippy the zebra came to appreciate that which makes him different from others. It deals with the emotional struggles facing children with disabilities and tackles some of the tough spiritual questions they have. \$14.99 (also available in Spanish)

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1. **Zippy's Big Difference**
by Candida Sullivan, Jack Foster
★★★★★ (10)
Publication Date: January 24, 2013
Paperback
List Price: \$14.99
Price: **\$9.88**



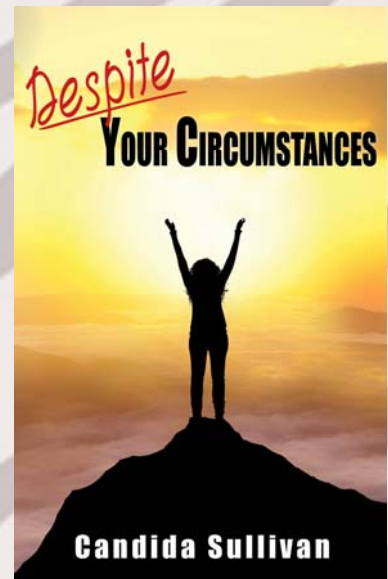
Underneath the Scars is a journey of emotional and spiritual healing associated with physical deformities. You will laugh, cry, and reflect as Candida shares her story and the woman underneath her scars. \$12.99

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Candida Sullivan
★★★★☆ (6)
Release Date: December 31, 2011
Kindle Edition
Auto-delivered wirelessly
Kindle Price: **\$5.99**

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by Candida Sullivan
★★★★☆ (6)
Publication Date: December 31, 2011
Paperback
List Price: \$12.99
Price: **\$6.69**
You Save: \$6.30 (48%)
8 used & new from \$6.69

Despite Your Circumstances shows us the power of the mind as it embraces a positive and thankful attitude, and demonstrates how to build a rich life filled with meaning and joy. The author uses seemingly impossible situations in her life to prove that you can be an overcomer despite your circumstances. \$12.99



Candida's Blog:

Underneath the Scars

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Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Who Are You Really?

I was watching an interview with Oprah and she asked her guest this question. It made me stop and think and examine my life for a moment.

Who Am I?

I am a child of the King. I am a survivor of Amniotic Band Syndrome. I was born with a purpose and prospered with love. I am nothing, but my God is everything to me. He is

Meet the Woman Underneath the Scars

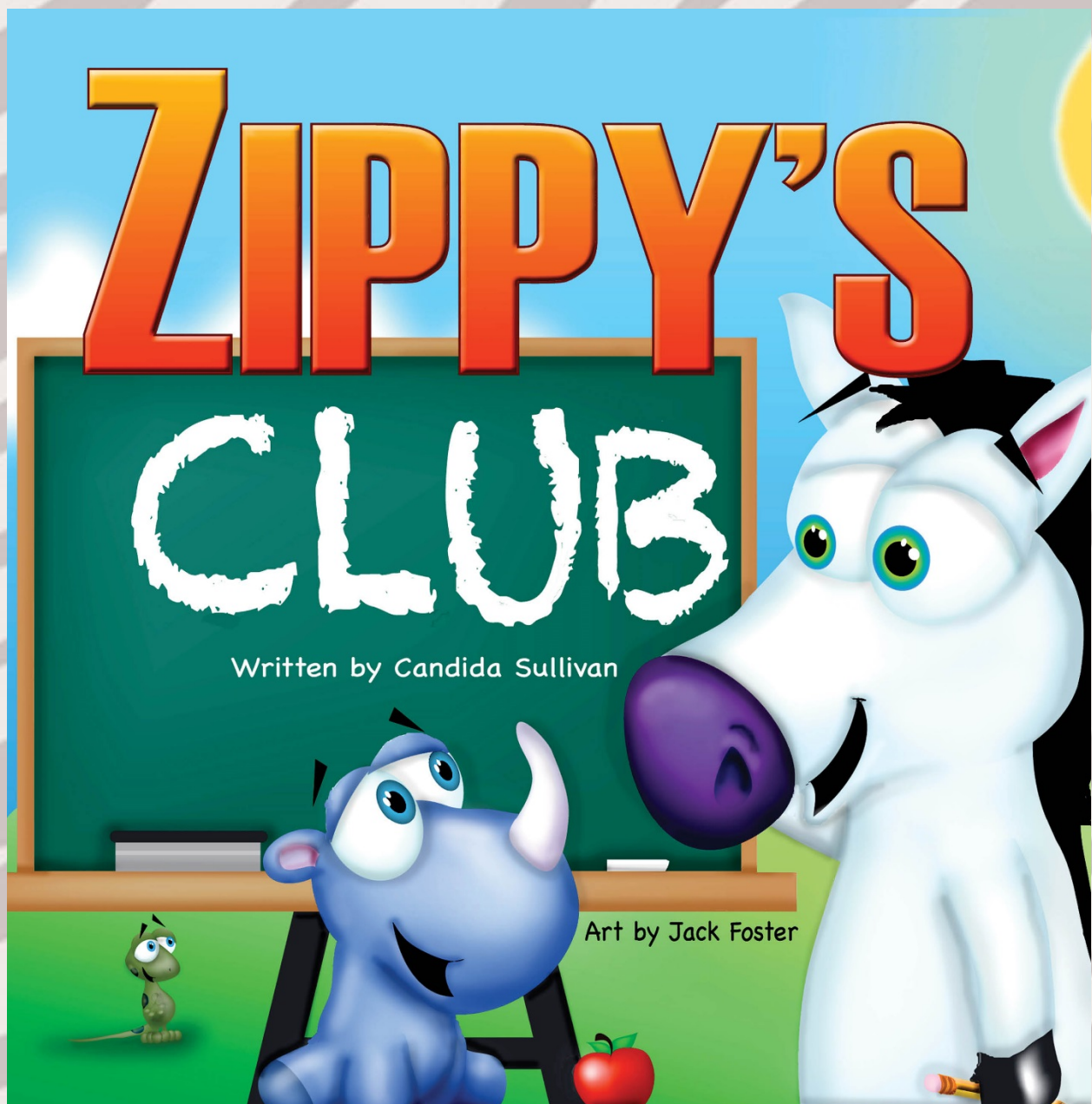
CANDIDA SULLIVAN believes in miracles. She was born with a rare condition called Amniotic Band Syndrome, which generally causes death in most babies before they are born. She knows it is a beautiful blessing she survived and wants to show the world that her scars are not a punishment, but instead are a wonderful expression exemplifying God's love and mercy for her life. She believes God spared her for a reason and wants to spend her life telling of the hope and love God placed inside her.

Candida also believes in dreams. Her first two books, *Underneath the Scars* and *Zippy and the Stripes of Courage* were finalist in the 2012 Readers Favorite Awards and nominated for the 2013 Christian Small Publishers Association Book of the Year Award. Candida was also chosen as the spokesperson for The Children's Reading Foundation of Appalachia, KY for 2013. Her books have made appearances on the Amazon Best Sellers List in the United States, Germany, and the United Kingdom. All of her books were #1 on the Hot New Releases on Amazon as well. By 2014, her children's books will be available in several different languages.

While Candida believes God has blessed her career tremendously, her greatest moments come from the lives she has touched. She talks about the tough topics and leaves her audience with hope. Candida answers their questions and shows them about the power of acceptance and perseverance. She wants to go the extra mile and help as many people as possible. She has lived with a debilitating condition, accepted it, and conquered it. Now she wants to share her positive attitude, encouragement, and heart with the world. Candida believes in making a BIG difference and works hard to make it happen.

Zippy's Club

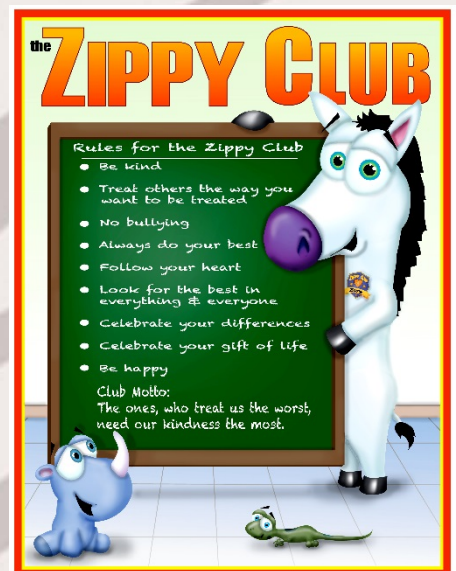
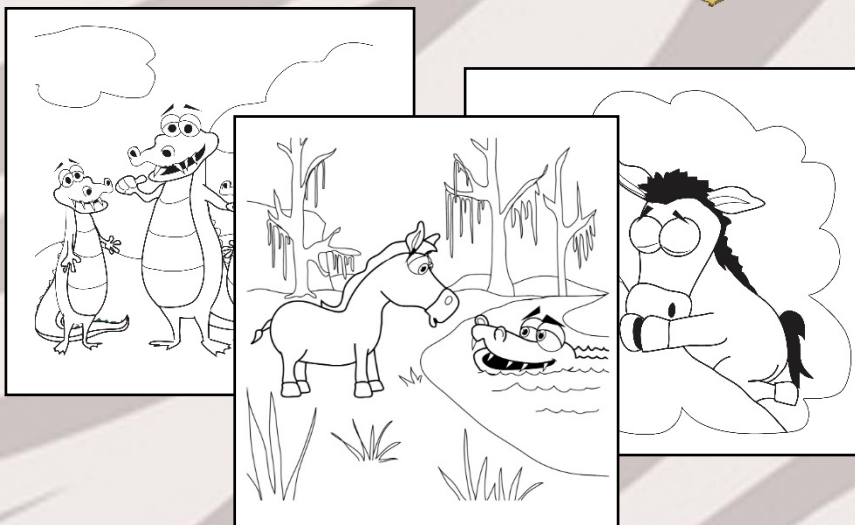
Candida's next book, *Zippy's Club* invites kids to be part of the anti-bullying team. It teaches them to overcome bullying with kindness and to celebrate one another's differences. The book includes a section from a nationally certified counselor to help initiate conversations with kids about bullying, as well as a letter from Candida telling her personal story. In *Zippy's Club*, Candida shares that while we can't control how others treat us, we can decide how we act toward them. Both she and Zippy encourage us to be the type of people who lifts others up, instead of knocking them down.



Zippy Club Kit

The Zippy Club Kit is a resource to go along with the book and can be used in classrooms to promote the anti-bullying message. The kit includes the following:

- Full script of a Zippy's Club play that can be performed in classrooms
- A CD of masks for all the Zippy book characters
- Printable coloring sheets and stickers
- Zippy Club poster, badge, and membership certificate





Contact Information

Contact Candida today for an interview, school visit, book signing, or guest speaker. She loves every opportunity to share her story and heart.

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