

Forever Cousins

Meet the Author and Illustrator
Laurel Goodluck and Jonathan Nelson

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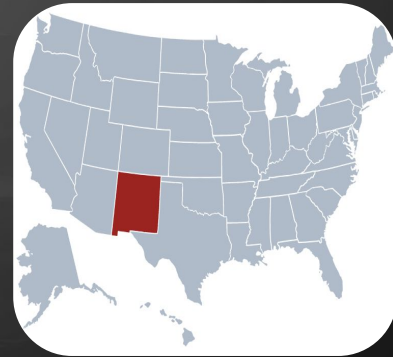
About Laurel Goodluck

Laurel is a Native American author. She comes from the Mandan, Hidatsa and Tsimshian tribes.



Laurel writes about Native kids and culture. She wants every child to see themselves as a hero and problem solver.

Laurel grew up in San Francisco. Now she lives in beautiful New Mexico.



About Jonathan Nelson



Jonathan Nelson is an illustrator, graphic artist, and designer.

He grew up in New Mexico and now lives in Colorado.

He graduated from the University of Arizona with a masters in visual communication.

Jonathan is a Kiiyaa'áanii (Towering House Clan) and Naakai Dine'é (Mexican Clan).



Forever Cousins



"Forever Cousins" tells the Native American story of two cousins, Kara and Amanda. As one moves to the city and one stays on the Rez their friendship is tested. This picture book shows the importance of family and community. This book also calls attention to the Relocation act of 1956.



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Laurel Goodluck Illustrated by Jonathan Nelson



Other Books



Laurel Goodluck

Jonathan Nelson

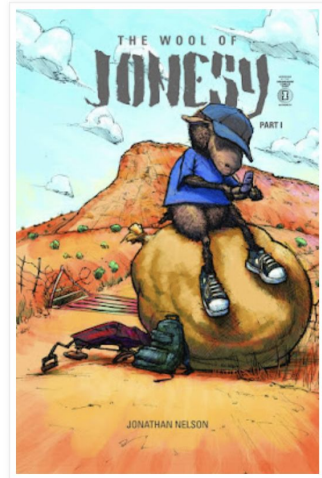
1. "Rock Your Mocks" (Fall 2023)
2. "Too Much" (Spring 2024)

1. "First Laugh
Welcome Baby"
2. "Hey, Dog"



Awards

- ★ "Forever Cousins" is a **Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection**
- ★ "Wool of Jonesy", written and illustrated by Jonathan Nelson, won the **American Indian Library Association Middle Grade Honor Book Award.**



Quotes/Review



“I write books so Native kids can recognize their modern lives and see themselves become heroes solving their own problems with the beauty of their cultures, family, and community” (Laurel Goodluck).



Quotes



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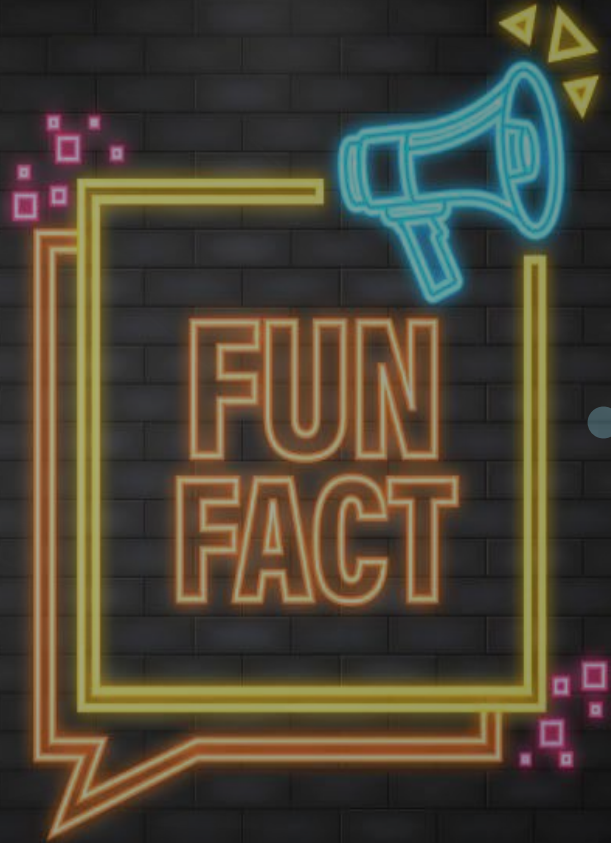
“I always tell students that your time in school is the time to build the work you want to do for the rest of your life” (Jonathan Nelson).

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In Laurel's free time she enjoys going on bike rides, hiking, and painting in her sketchbook.

In high school, Jonathan preferred to use a ballpoint pen instead of pencils for drawing.

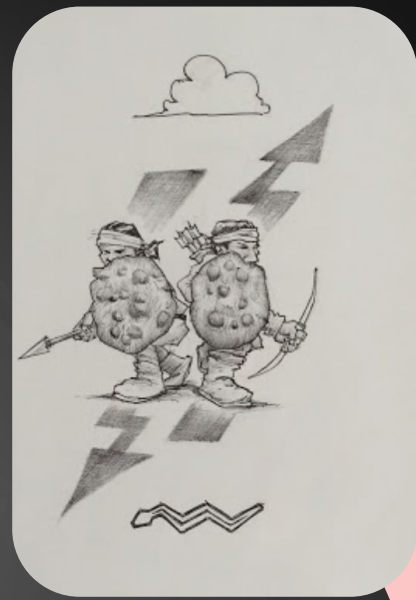
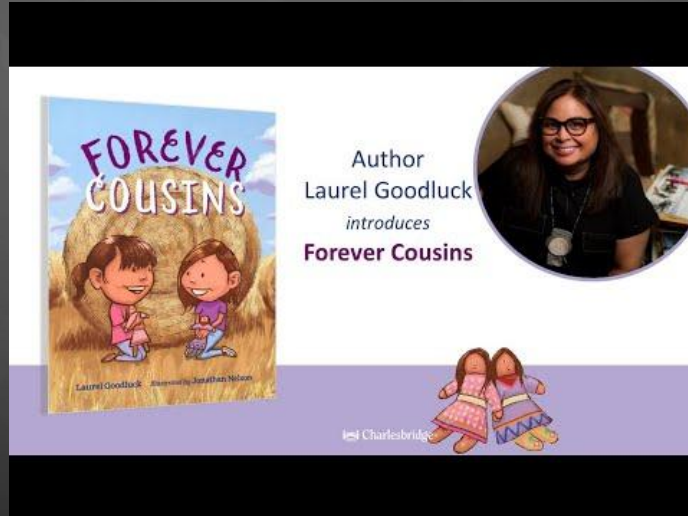


More Fun Facts

- Jonathan has been drawing since he was 5, tracing comic book characters like Spider-Man and The Incredible Hulk

He didn't start highlighting the Diné (Navajo) culture, using sheep, until after college.

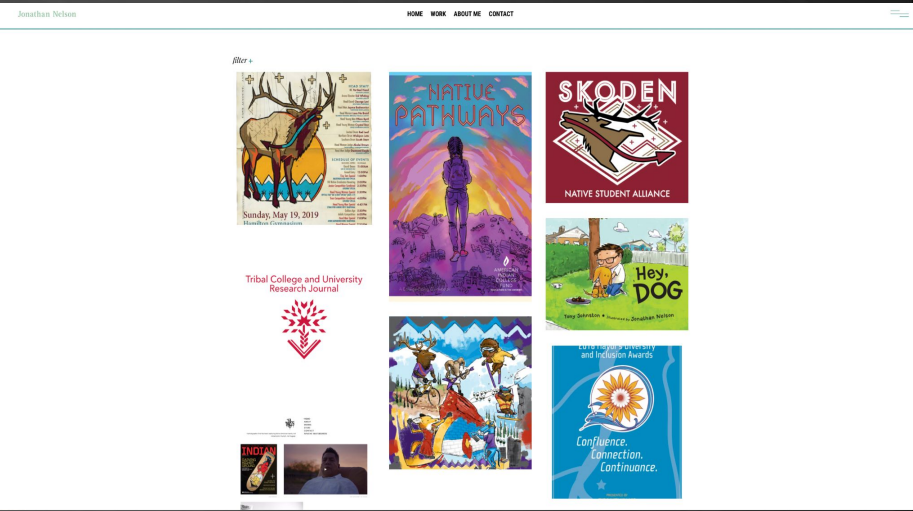
Laurel has a Navajo husband and two beautiful children



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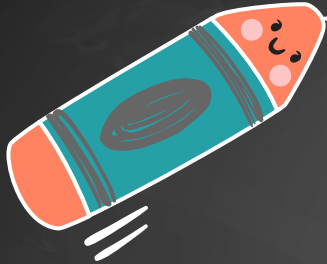


Laurel's Website



Jonathan's Website

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