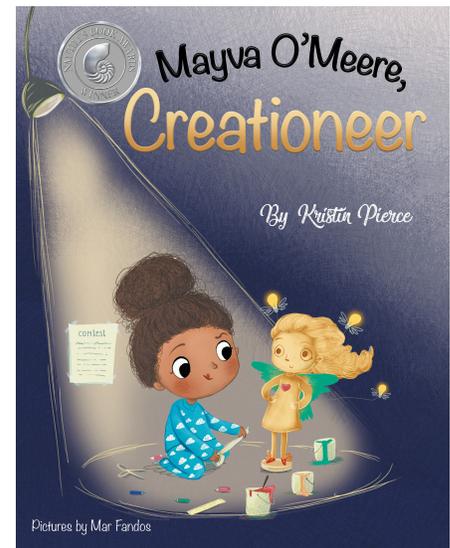


## *Mayva O'Meere, Creationeer*

“She was a free-flying soul, with a heart full of fire,  
Who undeniably followed her creative desire.  
From the moment she woke till she crashed hard at night,  
Mayva was immersed in composing things that she liked.”

Mayva O'Meere has a BIG imagination and an insatiable desire to create. But, when her elaborate endeavours go way too far, she lands herself in a big mess and a pile of trouble. Follow Mayva on her winding journey of self-discovery as she follows her inner compass and unearths some powerful messages along the way.

Full of incredible art references, empowering messages, and boundless creativity, *Mayva O'Meere, Creationeer* will spark creative passion and dreaming big in children of all ages, while becoming a cherished read for every member of the family.



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### About the Author:

For most of her life, Kristin Pierce was dominantly a left-brained, logical thinker who was greatly unaware of the many creative bones within her. In her early twenties, Kristin learned a technique that allowed her to develop her intuition and dismantle loads of limiting beliefs that were hiding her creative bones. She discovered she was able to unearth other right brain qualities that were nearly impossible for her to access since childhood—including creativity, imagination, and innovation. In doing so, she found the “sweet spot” of the mind where ideas and implementation meld into ingenuity, which allowed all kinds of wonderful things to unfurl, such as this book.



Kristin is a self-awareness educator whose mission is to empower others to deconstruct their self-limiting beliefs that are keeping them small and stuck in order to rise to their potential, come alive, and impact the world.

Kristin lives in Saskatchewan, Canada, with her husband, two children, and their dog.

*Mayva O'Meere, Creationeer* is her second book for children. Her first children's book titled, *Your Inner Compass That Could*, was released in early 2018.

## AUTHOR Q&A

### 1. What is a Creationeer?

A Creationeer is any person who loves to put their creativity and imagination into practice, to create his or her own inspired works that come from the heart. Creationeers will use anything they can get their hands on for creative expression—from supper food to rotten garden veggies, from school supplies to garage sale treasures—there are no limits to what Creationeers may create with. Creationeers think outside the box, imagine new possibilities, and are unafraid to try something new, even if it means they might make mistakes.

### 2. Explain the inspiration behind this creative storyline.

I have been fascinated by the creative mind and the power of imagination, creativity, and intuition for the past decade—but even more so since becoming a mother, and witnessing first hand, the wildly creative minds of my own children. In teaching intuition workshops to adults, I realized how difficult it can be for the vast majority of the adult population to loosen up their logical minds enough to allow creativity and imagination to shine through. For this reason, I wanted to create a children’s book that highlighted how our creative nature tends to get reigned in (and sometimes suppressed) during childhood. This sparked my inspiration to share a story that showcased the workings of a young creative mind to show that, although not always well understood in our logical world, it is possible to persevere through adversity to allow imagination to continue to thrive.

As a parent, I know it can be difficult to allow creative disasters to be made all over the house. At the same time, I hope this is a good reminder for parents (myself included) to have open hearts and open minds with children in the magical realm of imagination and creativity.

Lastly, as with all Inner Compass Books, my desire was to interweave positive and empowering learning messages that show the potential that lies within self-reflection, perseverance, and the courage to follow one’s inner compass.

### 3. Your book contains many breath-taking art references. What drove you to add this layer into your storyline?

When I first began writing *Mayva O’Meere, Creationeer*, I had the idea to add a yogurt *Starry Night* into the text. This was inspired by my daughter who, as a toddler, finger painted with yogurt all over her high chair tray and told us she was painting a starry night. My son is now at the age where he also loves painting the same thing all over our kitchen table. So, how could I resist? This began to open a big can of worms in my imagination, and in the process of Creationeering this book, my love of art history was reignited. As such, I decided to get my illustrator to infuse this layer within the illustrations as a fun tribute to incredible artists, while also serving as an educational tool.

I wanted to honour some of the greatest creative artists in history by including their masterpieces to help teach kids not only an appreciation for these famous works, but to also showcase the immense value that creativity, imagination, commitment, and patience can produce.

4. **Your book contains some big learning messages and many art references for young readers. How can parents and teachers help children get the most from your book and its educational value?**

To help readers connect and reflect on some of the big learning messages within the book, I have included some thought-provoking Reflection Questions at the back of the book. There, you can also find a fun Creative Art Reference Guide, which gives information on each of the famous works of art referenced within the book. Lastly, we have created a free creativity-sparking Learning Resource full of fun activities and printables for Creationeers of all ages, which can be found on our website at [www.InnerCompassBooks.com/learning-resource](http://www.InnerCompassBooks.com/learning-resource)