

AUTHOR STUDY



Some quirky facts about the author of

I AM NEFERTITI

ANNEMARIE ANANG

About Annemarie: Before Annemarie became a writer, she was a teacher all over the world! She loves telling stories so she decided to become an author and performer.

Annemarie is from London. Her parents came from Ghana, in Africa. Now Annemarie lives in Sweden with her daughter, husband and two cats.

What does Annemarie do?: Annemarie is the author of *I AM NEFERTITI*. She came up with the idea for the story because she noticed there were not many children's books that had black or brown main characters.



Annemarie wanted to create a book like this for her daughter, because every child should be able to see someone who looks like them in books. It makes them feel confident and love themselves.

First, Annemarie created her main character, Nefertiti. She is a girl with beautiful brown skin and amazing afro hair. Annemarie chose an interesting name from Egypt in Africa to match Nefertiti's confident character.

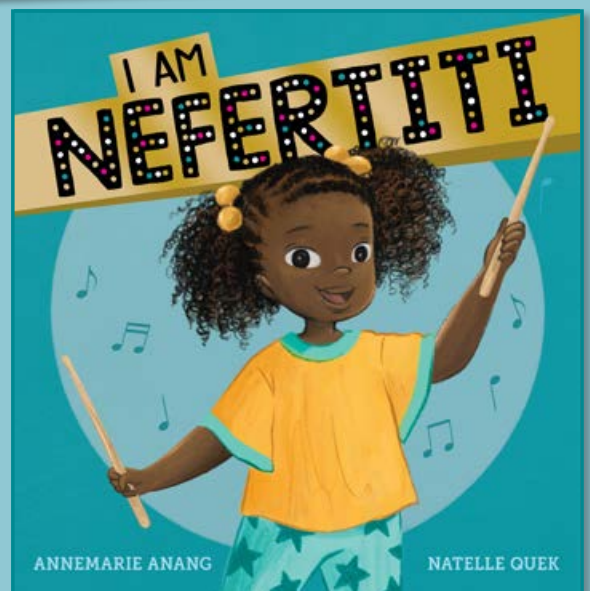
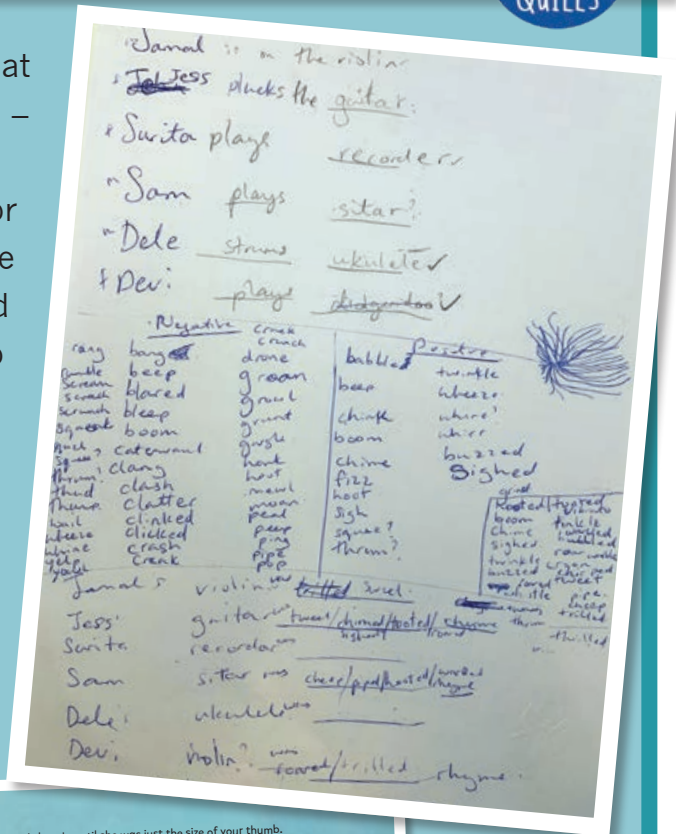


Annemarie plays in a band, so she decided that her character should play a fun instrument, too – the drums.

First, Annemarie jotted down some ideas for the characters and the story plot. She then wrote it out on the computer. She made sure it had a beginning, middle and end, and revised it to make it better.

Next, Annemarie filmed herself reading the story. When she watched the video, it gave her some ideas for how to improve the story even more!

Finally, she worked with the editor, who helped her to make the story even stronger, and matched it up with the illustrator, Natelle Quek.



10 COOL FACTS ABOUT ANNEMARIE:



1. As a child, Annemarie loved to do cartwheels.
2. Annemarie wanted to be a gymnast when she grew up.
3. Annemarie sings and plays the ukulele in a band. She loves to learn to play new instruments!
4. If Annemarie could be any animal, she would be a dragon because she would love to fly and be scary too.
5. Annemarie has two pet cats called Sam and Suki.
6. Annemarie's favourite food is pizza. Her favourite toppings are cheese with pineapple.
7. In her free time, Annemarie likes to go paddleboarding.
8. Annemarie likes to write early in the morning with a cup of tea.
9. Annemarie's motto is:
*Love your skin, your hair, your nose
and every part of yourself!
Be kind to others.*
10. Annemarie's dream is to one day have a small farm with llamas, donkeys and horses.

