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### About the Author

For decades, Laura Bush has championed key issues in the fields of education, health care, human rights, and the preservation of our nation's heritage. A hiking and outdoors enthusiast, Mrs. Bush encourages Americans to spend time in and care for our national parks.

The author of the bestselling memoir *Spoken from the Heart*, Mrs. Bush also founded both the Texas Book Festival and the National Book Festival in Washington, DC. Today, as the chair of the Women's Initiative at the George W. Bush Institute, Mrs. Bush continues her work on global health-care innovations, empowering women in emerging democracies, education reform, and supporting the men and women who have served in America's military.

Mrs. Bush holds a degree in education and a master's degree in library science. She taught in public schools in Dallas, Houston, and Austin and worked as a public school librarian.

Jaqueline Rogers has been a professional children's book illustrator for more than twenty years and has worked on nearly one hundred children's books.

Jenna Bush Hager is a contributing correspondent on NBC's *Today* show and an editor-at-large for *Southern Living* magazine. She is also the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Ana's Story: A Journey of Hope*, which she wrote after traveling to Latin America in 2006 as an intern with UNICEF. *Ana's Story* is based on the life of a seventeen-year-old single mother with HIV who struggles to shield her child from the life she had of abuse and neglect.

Hager remains involved with UNICEF and is currently the chair of its Next Generation initiative, which is dedicated to reducing childhood deaths around the world. Hager holds a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Texas at Austin. She is also coauthor with Laura Bush of the children's books *Our Great Big Backyard* and *Read All About It!*

Hager is the daughter of former US President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush. In 2008, she married Henry Hager, and they have two daughters, Margaret Laura (Mila) and Poppy Louise.

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