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– Angie Barton, author of _Hi My Name is Hanna_ and _I’m Adopted_

“Our project is about Autism awareness and focusing on what they can do instead of what they can’t, which is something you hear all the time as a parent. I really like what you do at Story Monsters and doing research, this was the only award program I really wanted to get involved with. I really do like and appreciate what you do for authors. My daughter was so happy when her award package came. She was so proud and wears her t-shirt to bed. Thank you for that.”

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– J.R. Poulter, multi-award winning book author, children’s books, education and, under J.R.McRae, young adult books, literary fiction and poetry

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– Hee Cheol Park, schoolteacher, Chungnam, Korea
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