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KWIL Publishing Signs Second Book in **Rock Star Kids** series:
Read with Me—Stories, Book Reviews, & Braille: Making Meaning in the World

[Milwaukee, WI, May 14] KWIL Publishing has signed with 7-year-old Louise Morrison and her parents, Kristen and Andy Morrison, of Arlington Heights, IL, for the publication of the second book in its Rock Star Kids series. *Read with Me—Stories, Book Reviews, & Braille: Making Meaning in the World* is slated for a Spring 2020 release.

Bibliophile, precocious critic, and masterful storyteller and comic, Louise Morrison is a first-grade literary whiz kid. Having been read to by her parents since infancy, Louise, who was born with a randomly occurring, bilateral malformation of the retina and is blind in her left eye and legally blind in her right eye, now uses braille to read—and write—on her own.

Her first book, *Read with Me*, celebrates the joy of reading and power of literacy. In it, Louise discusses her favorite books and characters, interviews well-known authors, shares stories and jokes, and teaches young readers about how she makes meaning using braille. The book will leave young readers with titles to add to their reading lists, styles/genres of writing/storytelling to emulate, and an increased awareness of what it means to have a friend with a vision impairment—all smartly delivered with humor and heart.

A simultaneous launch of *Read with Me* in braille is planned.

All of the books in KWIL's Rock Star Kids series are written by young people doing incredible things in their lives. The 10x10 inch, 48-page hardcover books that are part life-story, part how-to/celebration of an art or skill, are designed to engage and inspire young readers.

The first book in the Rock Star Kids series, *Hello, Crochet Friends! Making Art, Being Mindful, Giving Back: Do What Makes You Happy* is co-authored by 11-year-old crochet prodigy Jonah Larson and his mother, Jennifer Larson. *Hello, Crochet Friends!* combines Jonah's compelling life story, including his adoption from Ethiopia and behavior troubles in school, with an introduction to crochet. It releases July 23, 2019 and is currently available for preorder wherever books are sold.

KWIL Publishing is an independent publisher in Milwaukee, WI. KWIL's books are sold and distributed by Baker and Taylor Publisher Services.



Left: Louise using her brailer. Center: Louise dressed up as James Howe's Bunnlicula. Right: Louise giving a speech.
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