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Nine-year-old Trisha Rao was horrified when she first heard about the atrocities taking place in Syria and the impact its civil war was having on millions of children, so she decided to do something about it. She thought the best way to help would be to send a message of hope to them in the form of a children's book. *Believe in Yourself* has received high praise from reviewers and earned Rao a 2016 gold medal from the Independent Publishers (IPPY) Book Awards. Meet a very special little girl who inspires us all to believe in ourselves.

Also in this issue, school is almost out, and summer reading is in! Many public libraries have extensive programs to motivate children to continue to read during the summer months, and thanks to places like the Arizona Talking Book Library, people with visual and physical disabilities can enjoy all the benefits a good book can offer all year long!



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