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Lowcountry Mother-Daughter Team Releases Faith-Based Children's Book to Help Little Ones Face the Dark

"The Little Guardian," the debut picture book from South Carolina author Violet Tempest and illustrator Pixie Storm, arrives September 25, 2026

MONCKS CORNER, S.C. — Every child knows the feeling of a bedroom that grows too big and too dark at bedtime. On September 25, 2026 — lifelong Lowcountry author Violet Tempest and her daughter, illustrator Pixie Storm — release *The Little Guardian*, a faith-based picture book for children ages 3 to 6 that turns that fear into comfort. It is the first book in The Guardians Series and the debut title for both creators.

Told in the gentle voice of a Guardian Bear, the story begins when God asks a seamstress to “create a special friend for my children — one who is soft yet strong, kind yet brave.” She sews the bear by hand, praying over it three times as it takes shape. The Guardian waits by the window until the night a little girl needs him most. When the darkness closes in around her bed, he steps between the child and the shadows and declares, “*Not this child. Not today. Not ever.*” God’s love shines from him, beats back the darkness, and the little girl is safe.

The book grew out of a real family tradition. Violet first created a “Guardian” as a handmade gift for her grandniece’s second birthday, carrying on the legacy of Violet’s late aunt Aline, who sewed a one-of-a-kind gift for each child in the family. Tempest wrote a prayer inspired by Deuteronomy 33:12, ironed it inside the bear, and recited it three times during the sewing. “Creating that Guardian inspired this book,” she says. “The Little Guardian is God’s love made visible — something a child can see, touch, and hold close when the night feels too big.”

Both the author and the illustrator remember being small children who feared the dark, and both point to faith as the thing that finally made them feel safe. That shared memory shapes the book’s message: children are never alone; they are loved, and God’s protection is “as close as a prayer.” The book closes with the bedtime prayer three generations of their family have shared — “Now I lay me down to sleep” — making it a natural read-aloud for the end of the day.

The Little Guardian is the first children’s title set within Violet Tempest’s Soul War Universe, a body of Dark Christian Fantasy in which good and evil exist in everyone, and God’s love is the most powerful force in existence. For its youngest readers, the series offers a first, gentle glimpse of the sacred companions who protect God’s children.

The Guardians also exist off the page. Marsh’s Creature Creations, Violet’s companion line, handcrafts each one. No two are alike. Each is a one-of-a-kind, prayer-filled, stuffed companion

— numbered and delivered with a prayer card, care instructions, and an Official Guardian Certificate. Families can learn more at www.violettempest.com/meet-the-guardians

Book Details

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About the Author

Born in Charleston and raised in Summerville, Violet Tempest has lived in the South Carolina Lowcountry her entire life. Her mother instilled in her a love of history, carrying her to the region's many historic places, and it was there that Violet learned that not everything is as it appears — that behind the beauty can lie pain. Out of her own pain she found her calling to write. She is the creator of the Soul War Universe, a world of Dark Christian Fantasy where broken people discover their purpose and God's love is the strongest force there is. She lives in Moncks Corner with her husband and their two bunnies. The Little Guardian is her debut picture book.

About the Illustrator

Pixie Storm is a writer and visual artist — and Violet Tempest's daughter — whose work explores memory, healing, and the tender work of becoming. Her art blends softness with ache, turning deeply personal experiences into images that feel both haunting and familiar. Based in Summerville, S.C., she is developing creative projects focused on healing, womanhood, and emotional resilience. The Little Guardian is her first illustrated picture book.

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