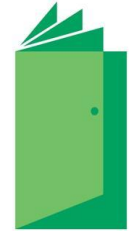




Connie Schofield-Morrison



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Monkey See,
Monkey Do...



WNYCBE 2019 Author Study Visit Presentation
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Service Learning Project

This author presentation was created as a service learning project for the Buffalo Public Schools by Medaille College graduate students taking EDU 571: Technology for Elementary Teacher under the guidance of Mary Beth Scumaci. The collaboration also includes Read to Succeed Buffalo & Monkey See Monkey Do Bookstore. Project facilitation was lead by Allison Scumaci, volunteer for the WNYCBE and student of William Smith College. It is our intent that it will assist teachers, media specialists, students and their families in preparing for the author visit to their school.



Meet Connie Schofield - Morrison at the WNY Children's Book Expo



Saturday, November 9th
Buffalo-Niagara Convention Center

Western New York Book Expo



Click here for a video recap of the WNY Children's Book Expo!



Click here to access the WNY Children's Book Expo website

About Connie Schofield-Morrison



- From Brooklyn, New York and resides in Hampton, Georgia
 - Connie has already published two books
 - *I Got the Rhythm* (2014)
 - *I Got the Christmas Spirit* (2018)
 - *I Got the School Spirit* is scheduled to be released in 2020
- Connie was inspired to become a writer by her grandmother. She began by journaling which led into writing children's books that are enjoyed by so many families today

FUN FACTS about Connie Schofield-Morrison

- Connie married her high school sweetheart at the age of 19
 - She and her husband have five children together
- Connie's husband, Frank, is a professional dancer and illustrator
 - Frank is the illustrator of Connie's book *I Got the Rhythm*



More **FUN FACTS** about Connie Schofield-Morrison

- Connie & Frank opened an art gallery in 2005
- Her inspirations are God, her husband, her children, the late Elizabeth Keckley, Oprah Winfrey, Mary J. Blige, Justine Simmons, Kelly Ripa, Jada Pinkett-Smith, and her youngest daughter, Tiffani

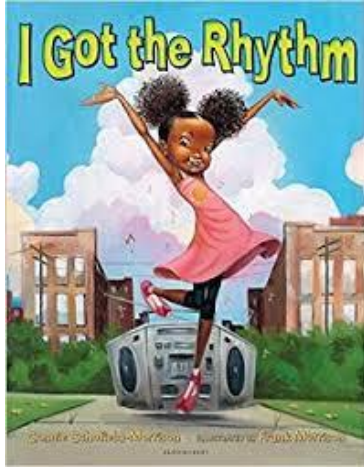


More **FUN FACTS** about Connie Schofield-Morrison

- She writes in a clean space with the aroma of scented candles and the sound of light music
- The main character of *I Got the Rhythm* although not stated in the book is named Miraculous and is inspired by two of her daughters, Tiffani and Nia
 - Her grandmother introduced her to writing



I Got the Rhythm Book Teaser



Award-winning illustrator Frank Morrison and Connie Schofield-Morrison, capture the beat of the street, to create a rollicking read that will get any kid in the mood to boogie.



Click play to listen to a snippet about the story

I Got the Christmas Spirit Summary



It's the most wonderful time of the year, and a mother and daughter are enjoying the sights and sounds of the holiday season. The little girl hears sleigh bells ringing and carolers singing. She smells chestnuts roasting--CRUNCH! CRUNCH! CRUNCH!--and sees the flashing lights of the department store windows--BLING! BLING! BLING! She spreads the spirit of giving wherever she goes. And when she reaches Santa, she tells him her Christmas wish--for peace and love everywhere, all the days of the year.

Get to Know Illustrator and Husband Frank Morrison

Click on the photo of Frank Morrison below to be taken to his website. Here you will find some of his artwork and links to the many books he has illustrated throughout his career.



Reading with Nene - I got the Rhythm

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An Interview with Connie Schofield-Morrison

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Coming Soon

Set to be released 2020

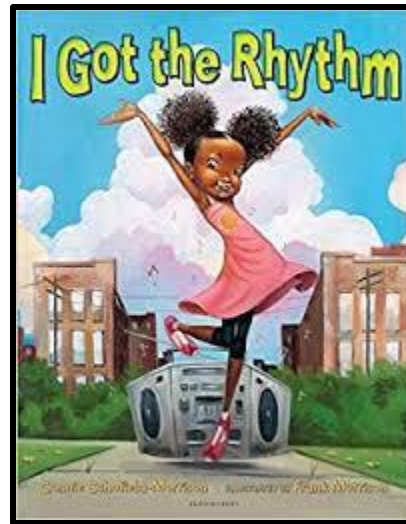
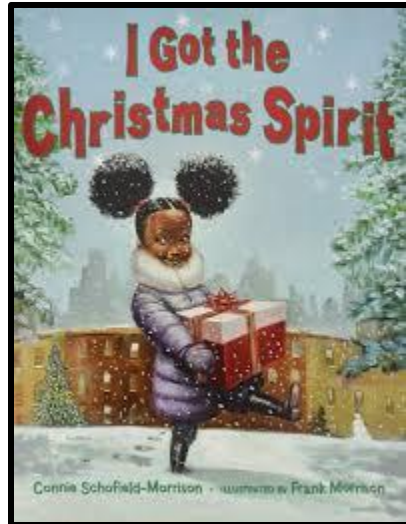


Awards/Recognition of Connie Schofield-Morrison

2019 Bank Street's Best Children Books of the Year- *I Got the Christmas Spirit*

2015 Bank Street College of Education's Best Books of the Year – *I Got the Rhythm*

2015 Books All Georgians Should Read – *I Got the Rhythm*



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Resources & Lesson Ideas for Educators

- Take a community walk and listen to all the different sounds
- Have students create their own sounds using different materials
- Put on music and let students move their bodies

Click the image below to see 3 fun lesson ideas teaching children all about rhythm!



Resources

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/author/consuela-morrison>

[https://literacyworldwide.org/blog/literacy-daily/2014/05/02/5-questions-with-connie-schofield-morrison-and-frank-morrison-\(i-got-the-rhythm\)](https://literacyworldwide.org/blog/literacy-daily/2014/05/02/5-questions-with-connie-schofield-morrison-and-frank-morrison-(i-got-the-rhythm))

<https://painted-words.com/portfolio/connie-schofield-morrison-2/>

<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/28days/day-3-connie-schofield-morrison/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJ8WJG0ugjg>

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