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Alex Grady

Children's author & school speaker



> **Helping students discover the beauty in adversity, so they can achieve more.**

Author visits, assemblies and classroom workshops for elementary schools, built around three picture books on persistence, empathy and leadership.

FOR
principals, counselors, PTA planners and parents

GRADES
K–5, with K–2 and 3–5 sessions

FORMATS
assemblies, workshops, full days, virtual and family nights

BOOKS
Barry's Best, *Gabby's Gift*, *Teddy's Team*

Book a school visit

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ABOUT ALEX

Engineer, runner and children's author. Alex uses his own story as a catalyst to encourage students never to settle.

Alex was born in Gulfport, Mississippi, and grew up in Covington, Georgia. He was valedictorian of the Newton High School class of 2013 and a Gates Millennium Scholar, and he graduated with highest honors from Georgia Tech with a degree in mechanical engineering and a minor in business.

At Georgia Tech he competed as a Division I athlete in track and cross country. He was a former collegiate record holder, a campus leader and a student ambassador. He was selected as the top Amateur Male Honoree of the Peach of an Athlete Role Model Award and received congressional recognition by the US House of Representatives for outstanding community service hours.

By day, Alex works on the innovation team at Chick-fil-A. In his free time he is a storyteller and children's author. With a focus on social-emotional learning, he uses his story as a catalyst to encourage others to never settle.

You can often find Alex running the streets of Atlanta as he trains for his next marathon.

WHAT STUDENTS TAKE AWAY

Three pillars of success

1. **Self-Management**
   How to navigate complex challenges while building resilience.
2. **Social Intelligence**
   How to have crucial conversations while building relationships.
3. **Innovation**
   How to thrive in unpredictable situations and put problem-solving first.

THE BOOKS

Three picture books, one virtue each

For grades K–5. Written by Alex Grady and illustrated by Joshua Suber. All three also come together as a 3-book bundle, *The Virtue Chronicles*.

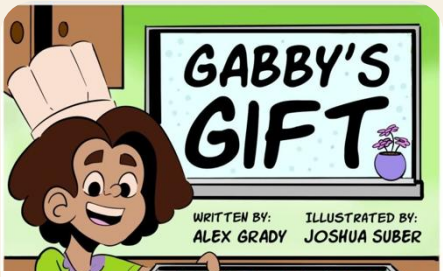


PERSISTENCE

Barry's Best

Barry gives his best, no matter what comes his way.

- Giving your best effort
- What is in and out of your control
- Not giving up when things get tricky



EMPATHY

Gabby's Gift

Gabby learns to connect with friends going through things she hasn't faced.

- Understanding how others feel
- Building real friendships
- Listening before helping



LEADERSHIP

Teddy's Team

Teddy discovers how to bring out the best in others.

- Seeing the potential in others
- Working toward a shared goal
- Leading by lifting others up

PROGRAMS & SPEAKING FORMATS

Ways to bring Alex to your school

Lengths are typical and can be adjusted to your bell schedule. Every visit is quoted individually: pick the formats that interest you and send an inquiry.

1	**Assembly program** Whole school or grade bands, often split into K–2 and 3–5 sessions	30–45 minutes	Alex reads aloud, tells the story behind the book and runs a short, interactive SEL lesson.
2	**Classroom workshops** One grade at a time	30–45 minutes each	Hands-on sessions with an activity tied to each book's virtue: persistence, empathy or leadership.
3	**Full-day visit** 2–3 assemblies or several classroom workshops	A full school day	Combine assemblies and workshops so every grade gets time with Alex, with an optional book signing.
4	**Virtual visit** Classrooms or whole school, over Zoom	30–45 minutes	A live read-aloud and SEL conversation over Zoom, for schools anywhere.
5	**Family or literacy night** Parents and kids together	Evening event	An evening event for families that can be paired with your book fair.

Contact for a quote · No set price list: every visit is quoted for your school. **More on the Speaking page**

FROM EDUCATORS

What teachers say

“Barry's Best had an incredible message of perseverance through difficult, realistic, but unpreventable situations. Throughout the message of the book, Alex weaves rich vocabulary words that can be used to build upon students' lexicon. After reading his book, Alex welcomed a question and answer session. This time inspired and excited my students to tell their own stories. Having Alex read to my class was such a memorable experience. I still have students who come back to my classroom and talk about it to this day.”

Mrs. Morgan Fleming
2nd Grade Teacher, Tritt Elementary School

“The children's book reading was such an exciting and engaging experience for my kindergarten students. The author used expressive voices, and just the right pace to keep our young students engaged. My students asked questions and were excited about the story. It sparked so many meaningful conversations afterward and encouraged a love of books that I know will stay with them.”

Mrs. Whitley Miller
Kindergarten Teacher, South Salem Elementary

PAST CLIENTS INCLUDE

Newton County School District
Academic-year kickoff assembly for faculty, staff and administrators

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Keynote at the company's annual seminar on adversity and resiliency

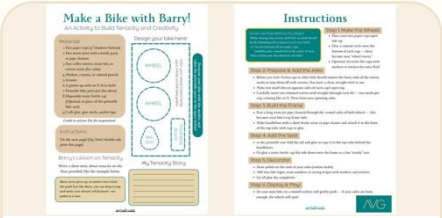
Ethos Classical
Classroom visits at the public charter school

Cobb County School System
Read-aloud of Alex's first book to a 2nd-grade class

FREE CLASSROOM RESOURCES

A printable activity for every book

One for each book. Free to print for classrooms and families, grades K–5. All resources at avgrady.com/resources



GOES WITH BARRY'S BEST

Make a Bike with Barry

Build a mini bike from paper cups and straws, decorate it, then write a short story about tenacity. A craft to do with a grown-up.

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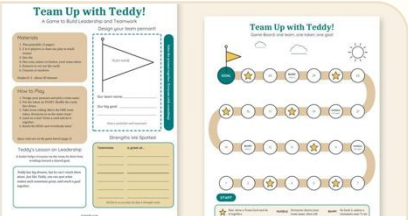


GOES WITH GABBY'S GIFT

Give a Gift with Gabby

Listen first to a partner, imagine how they feel, then design a fold-up kindness card. An empathy activity with no scissors or glue.

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GOES WITH TEDDY'S TEAM

Team Up with Teddy

A cooperative board game: one team, one token, one goal. Kids spot each other's strengths and reach the finish together.

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SIMPLE TO PLAN

How booking works

1

Send an inquiry

Share your school, preferred date, grades and audience size using the booking form.

2

Get options and a quote

Alex replies with the formats that fit your day and a quote.

3

Plan the details

Confirm the schedule, rooms and tech, and any book fair or book signing plans.

4

Enjoy the visit

Alex arrives ready to read, tell stories and get students talking about the skills that matter.

BOOKING & CONTACT

Let's plan your school visit

Tell us your school, dates and grades, and Alex will reply with options and a quote.

Request a quote

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