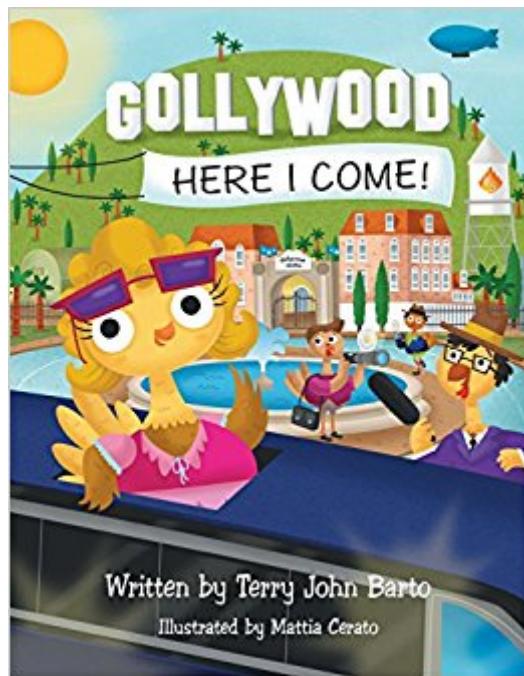


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# Gollywood, Here I Come!



## Synopsis

The Tale of a Young Turkey's Rise to Cinematic Stardom. Who doesn't fantasize about becoming a big movie star, living up all the glitz, glam and glory that comes with it? A talented little turkey named Anamazie does... while practicing in the small town of Gobbleville. After a few hard knocks, she gets discovered and is chosen to star in a major motion picture. *Gollywood, Here I Come!* taps into current pop culture trends of TV shows like "America's Got Talent" and the public's fascination with celebrities. At its heart, the story leaves young readers with the positive message "You can do anything if you work hard and never give up." *Gollywood, Here I Come!* is the winner of Purple Dragonfly Book Awards including First Place - Picture Book 6 & older and First Place - Cover Design, Readers' Favorite International Book Award, Family Review Center Editors Choice, CIPA EVVY Awards 1st Place, Pinnacle Book Achievement Award.

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## Customer Reviews

*Gollywood, Here I Come!* is a recipient of the prestigious Mom's Choice Awards®. Around the world, parents, educators, retailers and members of the media trust the MCA Honoring Excellence seal when selecting quality products and services for families and children. *Gollywood, Here I Come!* is Story Monster Approved. Books receive this special designation because they inspire, inform, teach or entertain, adhering to rigorous standards of excellence. Winners pass through an evaluation conducted by industry experts, and are endorsed by a panel of youth judges. ~Five Star Publications Parents will appreciate the theme that hard work will pay off in the end, while

children will fall in love both with the story and the excellent illustrations by artist Mattia Cerato. Everyone, however, should enjoy the crazy antics of Henrietta as she pushes the boundaries of even the stereotypical stage mom. Fun to read and filled with both a positive message and plenty of humor, Barto's turkey tale is definitely not "fowl." RECOMMENDED by the US Review of Books Gollywood, Here I Come! is all about achievement and pursuing goals with parental encouragement and support. Those used to how elements of angst and struggle reach even into early picture book grades will appreciate this positive, upbeat, encouraging story of a mother who encourages her daughter and the success that follows their joint efforts. ~Diane C. Donovan In Gollywood, Here I Come!, we get to follow along as a cute and talented little turkey makes her way to the turkey version of Hollywood. Kids will have fun reading about her journey from small town Gobbleville to starring in a movie in the big city. They'll learn how important it is to work hard and follow their dreams. ~Valerie Mitchell, Mama Likes This [Gollywood, Here I Come!] is absolutely adorable! I thought the story line was cute & entertaining and the Princess has been enjoying reading this book since we received it. I love that there are finally children's books centered around turkeys and just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. A nice little book for any child's library book collection. ~Shelly Hill, two classy chicks

Gollywood, Here I Come! blossomed from a show called Gobbleville U.S.A. There are zany characters and crazy situations in the small town of Gobbleville.

My niece loved this book! The positive message to follow your dreams was inspiring and motivating! The reader gets a little slice of what it's like to pursue the bright lights of Hollywood! The illustrations are unique and fun and bring to life Anamzie's world and adventures! Looking forward to the author's next book about Dragons!

This is a story about a young turkey who is an aspiring child star and her adventures in "Gollywood." The illustrations are really charming and give a very educational visual of what working Hollywood is really like. I know, I work there in this industry. I have never before seen a children's book that does this. Delightful!

I loved this book!!!! Bought it for my 5 year old granddaughter and it's on constant repeat readings at our house. Fun, smart and somewhat of a truer glimpse to behind-the-scenes in Hollywood than most. Great illustrations as well.

Great kids book! My niece is really looking forward to seeing where Anamazie's adventures take her (& so am I).

For many years I had taught early childhood grades and developed a passion for creative, unique children's picture books that deliver a positive, universal message . "Gollywood, Here I Come" is one of those books! It's a story of a dream, determination and success. I hope that the writer will create more exciting stories about the animated, amazing heroine, Anamazie and her experiences in Gollywood.

A very sweet and inspiring story about the power of following your dreams. The illustrations are superb, especially the maps.

The book opens with an impressive and expansive panorama of the town of Gobbleville, filled with buildings of all shapes and sizes, swimming pools, taco huts, trucks and buses. In the far off distance, beneath the setting sun and a passing zeppelin, loom the large, white letters, "Gollywood"! The artist, Mattia Cerato, specializes in maps when he's not illustrating stories, and this definitely seems right up his alley. From here, the scene zooms in on a parade marching down the main street. Anamazie Marie LeBelle is leading the Wattle View School Marching Band, tossing the baton high into the sky and imagining all the great things to come in her life! And no sooner is the parade over, than Anamazie has time only for a quick change of clothes before arriving at the theater for her next passionate calling, a patriotic tap dance on Gobbleville's "Got Talent"! From there, the author charts Anamazie's meteoric rise to fame, as she at last finds her way to Gollywood, securing the starring role in *The Turkey and I*, directed by the famous J.B. Tuttlebaum... with only a few bumps along the way. But all is well that ends well, and end well it does. Anamazie gives an inspirational final adieu to her former classmates, "My mom says you can do anything if you work hard and never give up!" and then it's back to her limo, away from the blinding flash of the paparazzi, and she's back on her way to Gollywood! As he did also with *Nickerbacher, the Funniest Dragon*, the author writes a story about a character finding their calling and following their dreams.

*Gollywood, Here I Come!* is the story of a little girl turkey named Anamazie Marie LaBelle and her

great desire to one day walk a red carpet. She thinks that her chance has finally arrived when she becomes a finalist in Gobbleville's Got Talent and she receives thunderous applause after her performance. When the winner's name is announced and it isn't her name, Anamazie Marie LaBelle is devastated! Devastated, that is, until a talent scout in the audience invites her to audition for a movie. This book is a wonderful story of a dream, the dreamer who never gives up and a loving mother who supports her daughter and encourages her to keep trying. The illustrations are fun and colorful and this book is written so that both children and adults will enjoy it. I appreciate the positive message that Terry John Barto has conveyed in Gollywood, Here I Come! and I highly recommend it. I received a copy of this book from the author and Book Club Network in exchange for my honest review.

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