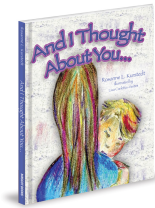


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Introducing *And I Thought About You!* A book created by two working mothers, that captures the unbreakable bond between a working mother and her child, and commemorates the countless ways working mothers show their love every day.

This simple, yet poignant, book written by Rosanne L. Kurstedt and illustrated by Lisa Carletta-Vieites was inspired by a bedtime routine Rosanne and her son shared while they lived in Hong Kong. Rosanne published a professional book for teachers entitled *Teaching Writing With Picture Books as Models* so she was no stranger to the picture book genre. In fact, she had been writing stories for most of her life. When she realized the 'and I thought about you' routine would make a great picture book, her professional and personal writing lives converged.

One afternoon, back in the United States, while sitting in Lisa's backyard in Westfield, NJ the two started talking. Lisa, an Associate Director in the finance industry by day, shared with Rosanne her passion for art and her need to keep up with it – despite how busy she was – because it provided a much-needed creative outlet. Rosanne shared with Lisa her passion for writing children's books and suggested Lisa might want to illustrate one. A bit apprehensive, Lisa read the manuscripts and was particularly drawn to 'And I Thought About You.' And the partnership began.

After three years, a new baby, and many changes on the job front, Lisa completed the illustrations and together she and Rosanne researched ways to publish the book. The pair decided to publish *And I Thought About You* with Mascot Books through their Author Program. The Mascot Books Author Program allows prospective authors to publish their children's books in a way that combines the freedom of self-publishing with all the support a publishing industry leader has to offer.

And I Thought About You is a beautifully crafted and illustrated story that is only rivaled by the compelling story of friendship, heart, and determination of two working mothers, who were able to follow their passions in spite of, or perhaps because of, their busy lives.

Rosanne's and Lisa's story is sure to inspire. Just as *And I Thought About You* is sure to bring comfort to new mothers and become a treasured keepsake.

And I Thought About You,
Rosanne L. Kurstedt & Lisa Carletta-Vieites