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secret mission S.A.K.

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to Noemi
One Special Little Girl
Whose Random Act of Kindness
Touched the Heart of the Nation of Italy.

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1-A COVID-ops Secret Mission

You are sitting in your secret home base. Suddenly, an orange button flashes.

You go to a secret website and enter a secret code.

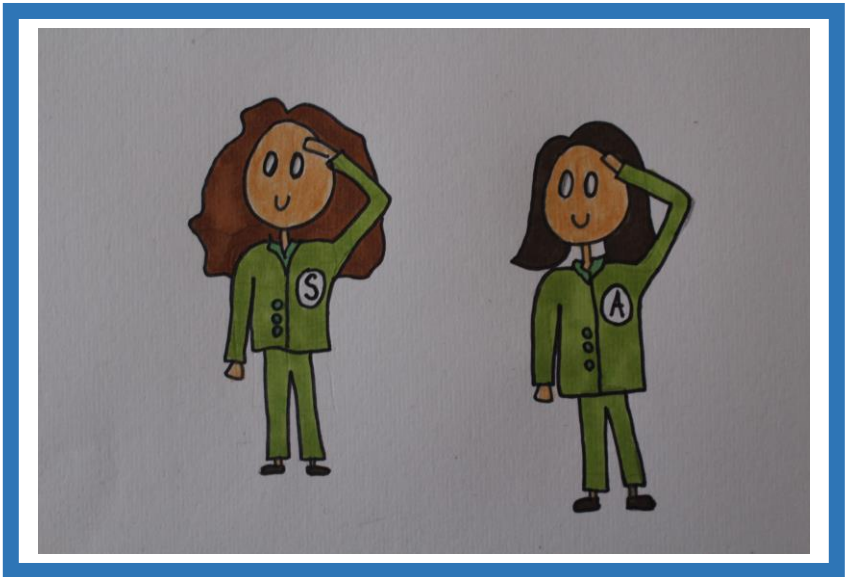
A message appears on your screen—



ALERT! ALERT!
CALLING ALL
SPECIAL AGENTS!
SECRET MISSION
ASSIGNMENT!

“Special agent? That’s me!” you think. You are excited to find out about a secret mission. You press the orange button to open the message.

Special Agent Serena and Special Agent Anna appear on your screen.



Special Agent Serena speaks first.

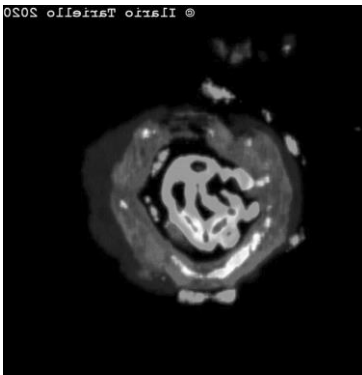
“Good Morning, special agent! It is good to see you in your secret home base. Other special agents from all over the world have joined our ranks. We are becoming a large and mighty army!”

“Remember, stay inside your base. Keep wearing your armor when you must go out. Keep using your special tools that I sent to you by drone.”



“Read your training manual often so you do not forget what makes you a special agent! It is important!”

Special Agent Anna nods and says, “Yes, it is very important!”



We are still fighting the war against the alien virus COVID-19. You must keep doing the things we trained you to do until we win.”

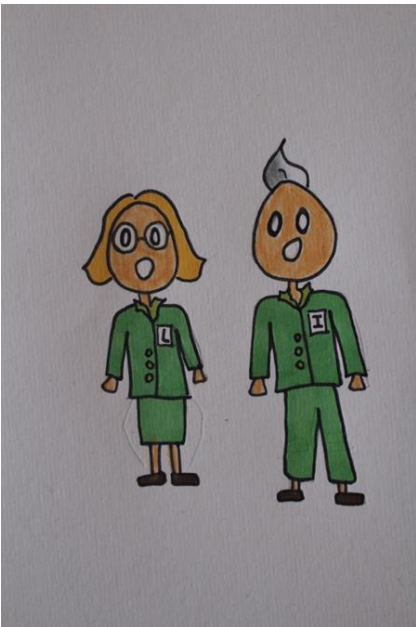
“We are a strong and mighty army together. But armies do more than sit in their base. For years now, I have had a special mission since I was a child just like you. I know that Special Agent Serena does these kinds of missions, too.

You’ve learned how to be a special agent. Now, you have a secret mission, too.

Commander T and Commander Liz will tell you about it.”

2 A SECRET MISSION

Commander T and Commander Liz both appear on the screen.



Commander T says, "Welcome back, special agent. I am glad that you answered the call to be a special agent. I am glad that you are safe and strong."

But this army can do more than only protect you and your family.

I told you before that this is a war with the alien virus COVID-19.

It is hard work for the doctors and nurses and hospital workers who fight on the front lines each day.

It is hard work for the police who help keep us safe and help us remember the rules.

It is hard for your parents to do their work from home and teach school to you.

It is hard to be sick in the hospital and alone.

It is hard for the people who work in jobs that are needed. Grocers keep food on the shelves for you to buy to eat. Other companies like banks, gas stations, utility workers, pharmacies and many others cannot stay in their safe place. They must go to work so that we have food and gas and money all the things we need.”

“When the alien virus was the strongest in my country, one tiny little girl made all the grownups in my country proud. She did a very brave and noble thing.

She called the police station to read a letter of thanks that she had written all by herself.

It touched the heart of my nation with her kindness. She has inspired this secret mission we are calling you to today.

Commander Liz is in charge of this mission, and she is here to tell you about it.

Commander Liz smiles at you. Her eyes light up as she starts to speak. “Hello, my tiny but mighty army! I am so proud of you!



“I have seen the great work you are doing to keep you and your family safe and remember all the rules. I believe you can do more than keep your world safe.

I believe, my special agent army, that you can help change the world with me.

Do you want to know how?

This mission, should you choose to accept it, comes in two parts. One is very secret. It will be a secret mission to your family.

The other mission, you will need the help of your parent or a grown up to do.

I call this mission:

Secret Agents of Kindness: Mission S.A.K.

3 MISSION S.A.K.

“So far, you have just focused on you and your family. You have become a real superhero, teaching others how to fight off the evil alien virus COVID-19.



It is good to take care of you and those you love. It is also good to think about other people and show kindness.”

Commander T told you about those on the front lines in this war. He told you also about much more

your parents have to do now while we fight this virus.

You cannot go and be a doctor, nurse, or policeman right now. You cannot sell the food or gas we all need. But you can do a job just as important. You can help the people who do these jobs feel stronger!

You see, it is hard to do what they do!

They get tired. They even get scared sometimes.

They wonder if anyone cares.

And that is where you can help.

Did you know that joy makes you stronger?

Stop right now and smile. Go tickle your mom or dad and make them laugh. Laugh with them.

Doesn't that make you feel good?

It brings joy to your heart.

You can bring a smile to the face and joy to the heart of those workers on the front lines!

You can bring strength to them through Mission Secret Agents of Kindness, or S.A.K.

You can make them smile.



First, you need a special card. Can you make it yourself with some paper and crayons? Write these words on your cards.

A Secret Agent of Kindness has been here.

Cut out your cards using safe scissors and put them in a special place. You will need them later.

Remember this mission is to show kindness!

This mission is not to make your name special. It is to make other people feel special.

When you do that, it makes your heart feel good, too.

We don't do kind things to get something back.

We just do it to be kind.

That is a reward all by itself.

The best part of all is, you don't have to be under attack by an evil alien virus to be a Secret Agent of Kindness!

You can learn to be kind to others and do it every day for the rest of your life!

And always make people feel loved and special when you do.

So, if you choose to accept this mission, Special Agents Serena and Special Agent Anna are going to talk to you about special things you can do even while we all stay safe inside our homes.

I asked them to talk to you and show you some ways to make the people in your city who are on the front lines fighting the evil alien virus.

4 S.A.K. HOME MISSIONS

Special Agent Anna appears on your screen.



“The first part of your mission is right in your own home. When I was a little girl, my mom taught me and some neighborhood kids about being Secret Agents of Kindness.

I made up cards just like yours. I watched for ways I could help my family and neighbors and did it.

Then, I left my card and hid!

No one ever knew who did it!

It was lots of fun!

My parents would help me to be safe. We would go to our neighbors and rake leaves or sweep the porch or shovel the snow, with our parents' permission, when neighbors were not watching.

We would leave a "Secret Agent of Kindness" card on their door.

Then, we would hide and see them come back home and find the kindness surprise.

It was always fun to see the way it made them smile.

I also was a Secret Agent of Kindness for my family.

I would do chores without being asked, pick flowers for my mom and put them in water for a surprise, I would pick up toys my little nephew had played with and leave my S.A.K. card for them to find.

I would hide and watch and imagine new ways to do be a Secret Agent of Kindness.

You can do the same thing!

It's easy! It's fun!

I also did all my schooling at home until I went to college.

A “Secret Agent of Kindness” does class work and homework, and extra work even, without even being asked.

It always made my mom smile.

You are doing school from home.

You can do the same thing to make your parents smile.

It is much more fun to do school if you make it a special mission to do a good job and never complain.

There is one more thing you can do in your home as a Secret Agent of Kindness.

Your grandparents need to stay inside.

They get lonely.

Your parents are very busy with work at home and the extra time they must give to teaching you school.

They may not have as much time to talk to your grandparents now.

You can be the family special agent to call or facetime your grandparents every single day.

Show them the special things you are doing to help the world be a better place!

Now, Special Agent Serena is going to give you some ideas to make the world a better place around you, too!

5 S.A.K. OUTSIDE MISSIONS

Special Agent Serena steps up to talk.



“Hello, Special Agents!

I love art!

Do you?

There are some projects you can do to make these special workers happy.

You can write a thank-you letter or draw a nice picture and write THANKS. You can send them to doctors, nurses, or police in your city.

Perhaps your parents can use your letters for practicing writing for schoolwork.

You can write, "Thank you for helping all the people" on a page and put drawings or stickers around it. Then, you can mail it to the hospital or ask your parent to email it to them or call and leave a message.

You can make "get well" cards. Send them to the hospital and ask the nurses to read them to sick people to cheer them.

You can make masks and leave one on each door in your neighborhood with a parent. You can ask one of your parents or an older brother or sister to take them to older people who need one and cannot get one.

You can make some smaller cards and write "thank you for serving us during this time." You can ask your parents to give them to the cashier when they buy groceries, the banker at the bank, the gas attendant when they buy gas or other places people are at work because they must be.

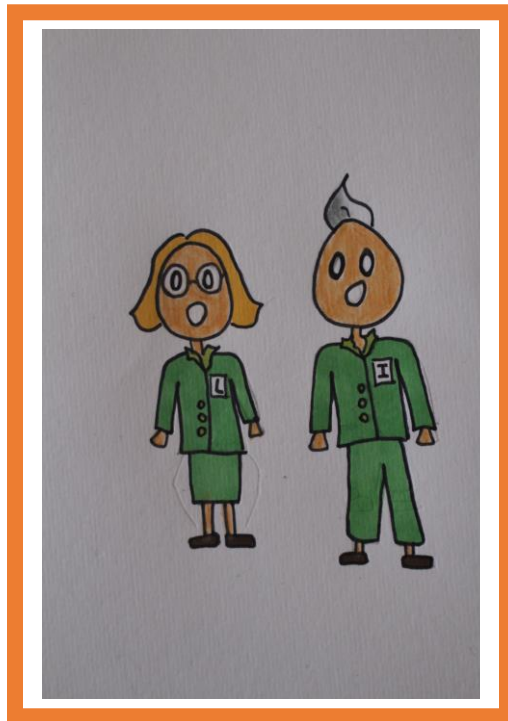
You can make a special card and write #1 Best Teacher on it and give it to your parents. They are now teaching you at school, after all.

We want you to join us and be a special agent who shows other people you care!

When you do special things, tell us! You can earn a special award certificate online for being a Secret Agent of Kindness.

Commander T and Commander Liz are coming back to say a final word. As for me and Special Agent Anna, we say “do good things and spread kindness!”

6 CHANGE THE WORLD



Commander T and Commander Liz appeared on the screen again.

Commander Liz spoke first.

“I want you to know how much I believe in you, how much we believe in you. We believe that children and youth can do very special things even when they are young. We even believe that grow ups can learn a lot from you, if they will only look and listen.”

Commander T stepped up to speak,

“I hope you will accept this mission.

I believe you will.

I believe you will begin to look for ways to do special things for your parents, your brothers and sisters, your grandparents, your neighbors, and your world.”

Commander T and Commander Liz smiled at the screen and said together,

We love you and believe in you and are counting on you, our special little army.

Let’s go change the world together, special agents!”



You can email Commander T and Commander Liz at agent@covidops.info

Visit us at www.covidops.info for information, a live book reading with Commander T and the team, and fun things to do while you fight the alien invasion including videos of Commander T and Commander Liz and Special Agent Anna and Special Agent Serena reading the book with translators!

Also, videos will be posted to make special art projects and write letters to send out in your city.

Parents, send in pictures of your Special Agent of Kindness and the kindness acts they do!

Stay in! Stay safe! Stay strong! Special Agents!

ABOUT THE COVID OPS TEAM

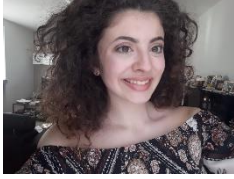
The Franklin and Tariello families joined forces from across the ocean to take on a secret mission, which was to train all children on how to be superheroes in the current war against COVID-19. Dozens of volunteers from all around the world have translated the books into languages to empower the children of their own countries. Together, we will win this war!



Ilario Tariello, Commander T, is a pioneer of new cutting-edge ways to aid in virus study using very advanced patented computer ideas and imaging that have been created over years of study. He has worked with virologists to bring image dynamics to their work previously unseen even by high-powered microscopes. He is an IT specialist. His big heart to help others stay safe inspired this book series. www.ilarioTariello.com



Elizabeth Franklin, Commander Liz, or Mama Liz writes books and speaks to children, teens, and college students to empower them to greatness in the areas of time and success. She saw the potential in this mighty army of children, and how they could be superheroes right in their own homes and neighborhoods. She believes children have the potential to change the world right here, right now. www.lizfranklin.com



Special Agent Serena Tariello is in high school with an interest in architecture and music. She is a black belt in karate and her dream is to become an actress. She speaks as a teenager who is living in the closed-down cities of Italy who is a Secret Agent of Kindness by taking masks to the elderly of her city. She has used her artistic talent to create these illustrations and bring life to our ideas.



Special Agent Anna Franklin is studying Communication Studies and Geography (meteorology concentration) at the University of Tennessee. She is an author, speaker, editor, and researcher who wants to help everyone be more prepared for severe weather. She has written two children's book series and dances. She brought her heart for preparedness into this book. Anna has served her community and the world being a Secret Agent of Kindness for many years. She gathers stuffed bears and ties a ribbon with an "I Care" tag around the neck to take to children in disaster events.

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