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Bethany Hegedus' children's picture books include the award-winning Grandfather Gandhi and Be the Change: A Grandfather Gandhi Story, both co-written with Arun Gandhi (grandson of Mahatma Gandhi), as well Alabama Spitfire: The Story of Harper Lee and To Kill a Mockingbird, Rise!: From Caged Bird to Poet of the People: Dr. Maya Angelou, Hard Work But It's Worth It: The Life of Jimmy Carter and this August Huddle Up! Cuddle Up!--an ode to family, football and bedtime.

Her books have been included in numerous "best of" lists such as A Mighty Girl's Best Books of 2018 and Kirkus' Best Books of the Year. A former educator, Bethany is an in-demand keynote speaker, workshop leader, and mentor who speaks and teaches across the country about writing, creativity, resilience, and privilege.

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