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## Brandy Pie Book Co. Offers Value-Driven Children's Books

Attorney-turned-author  
Kathleen Harward  
builds a defense for  
today's youth



**Kathleen Harward,**  
the founder of Brandy  
Pie Book Co.

One of the guiding perspectives for Harward's company is that its stories have something to share 'for the head and heart of any age.'

### ANITA L. SHERMAN

For Kathleen Harward, the heroes and themes in her books are her medicine for today's social ills. She sees them as antidotes for a generation of youth that would rather blame and destroy instead of solve and create.

Her path as an independent publisher of children's books is one inspired by experience and heart. In 2021, she founded Brandy Pie Book Co. This move came after serving for almost 15 years as a campus lawyer, serving as director of student legal services at Colorado State University. In that capacity, she helped college students overcome mistakes, learn resilience, think entrepreneurially, and develop abilities to make their own and other people's lives better.

But her time in a university setting often put her at odds with her colleagues.

"I was sometimes the only voice speaking out in meetings against policies that I didn't like," Harward said. She felt the students were being indoctrinated with ideologies that were mislabeled and pushed forward as "social justice."

"I think what I experienced is unfortunately pervasive today. It's a tear-down message rather than a build-up one."

Harward decided to do some investigations of her own into the children's section at her local libraries. What she found disturbed her.

"In earlier years, I believed the destructive trend was limited to the higher education bubble, but it's apparent now that children in many elementary schools are already being primed for this way of thinking," she said.

"I was shocked when I saw what was new and being added to the shelves, all these brand-new picture books and early books for children—and identity politics in them.

"I grew up surrounded by everyday heroes," such as dogs, kids, grandmas, nurses, teachers, and parents. Instead of blaming others, "you overcome obstacles, learn to do the hard things, and make lives better."

The thought of staying silent was concerning to Harward.

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### HISTORY

## The Sound of the Enemy

How the US Navy's ocean systems  
technicians tracked the Soviets

### DUSTIN BASS

When Geoff Ugent was discharged from the U.S. Navy, he had to wait 27 years to talk about anything he did for the branch of the military. His former job title, ocean systems technician (OT), sounds more like he worked in oceanography or marine engineering than in one of the most select groups in naval intelligence.

"We were very rare," Ugent said. "Most people in the military didn't know what we were."

In 1974, fresh out of high school, Ugent was considering joining the military. He met

with all branches in the recruiter station. The Navy, stationed at the end of the hall, was the last to interview him. Ugent told the recruiter that he would consider joining if he could receive a guarantee that he would never be placed on a ship.

It was a rather oxymoronic request, being that scouring the oceans is what the Navy does, and in order to do that, they have to use ships. As much as it sounded like a poor joke, Ugent was in earnest.

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Geoff Ugent was tasked with identifying and tracking enemy military ships.

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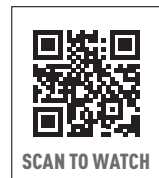
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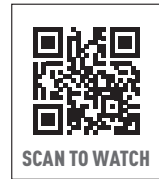
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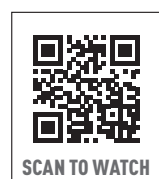
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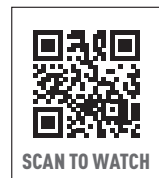
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