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Twinkle, Twinkle, *Nana Star*: A Grand New Classic for Children

***Nana Star* on the Rise: A Picture Book Series Celebrates Virtues for Children**

Washington, D.C. (February 2005). The new-and-improved second edition of the *Nana Star* picture book is due out this March from ee publishing & productions, llc, *the laugh-friendly company*®. Readers of the first edition will notice the redesigned cover and easy-to-read font, along with a different mistake for kids to hunt for in the text. The loving story and premium quality of the first edition remain the same. Each book is still accompanied by a bonus CD featuring Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter Tricia Walker.

Just right for cuddling up to read with grandchildren, *Nana Star* celebrates the specialness of a grandparent's love. Based on a real-life grandmother's love for her little grandson who lived far away and characters cut out of construction paper long ago, the series begins with a little girl ("oh so pretty as all little girls are") coming upon a lost baby star who is looking for his nana. The little girl becomes his Nana Star until she can return him to his home (and nana) in the heavens. Grandparents and parents will notice that passages pay homage to such beloved children's classics as P.D. Eastman's *Are You My Mother?* (the tiny baby star wonders if the little girl is his nana) and Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree* (the little girl is given an olive branch by a wise old tree to lift up the baby star so he is not quite so far from home). Each successive story will follow Nana Star's adventures as she journeys to bring the baby star home to his real nana and meets new friends along the way.

Is that a typo? To nurture and encourage reading skills, each *Nana Star* storybook includes a mistake in the text for young readers to find. When they do, they can send Nana Star a note correcting the mistake in order to become honorary members of her Little Twinkles Club. They'll receive an autographed photo of Nana Star with a personalized message just for them and a certificate of membership.

Like good nanas everywhere, Nana Star loves all children. In addition to donating books and merchandise to schools and hospitals, ee publishing & productions' Nana Star Foundation helps under-resourced inner-city schools and terminally ill children by giving a portion of all proceeds from Nana Star products to charitable organizations working in these areas.

The *Nana Star* line includes a picture book series, storytime CDs, award-winning companion web site, [www.NanaStar.com](http://www.NanaStar.com), and huggable character dolls.

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