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About

Zapped! Danger in the Cell

When a mysterious machine shrinks Sonya, Lynelle, and Giselle to microscopic proportions they become so small that they slip through the walls of a cell. The three girls find themselves in a roller coaster of an adventure that has them running for their lives.

Will they ever escape the Danger in the Cell?

In *Zapped!* readers will come into contact with many of the elements of an animal cell. They will enjoy the exciting adventure of this story, but they will also take away an understanding of the parts of the cell, their appearance, and their functions. The girls who are shrunk into the cell must avoid lysosomes, for example, which will be forever etched into the reader's mind as big poisonous bubbles.

Zapped! includes several illustrations expertly created by Ann-Cathrine Loo. The illustrations serve to enhance the fun of the book and to cement the concepts in the minds of the readers.

The authors wrote the book for children in grade 4th through 5th, the main point at which cell biology is introduced in elementary school. However, they have been asked to present to children as young as kindergarteners and have been amazed at how the younger children have been receptive to the book and the idea of the microscopic cell.

Zapped! is available on Amazon or through the publishers at CaribbeanReads.com

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Zapped at Port Discovery Museum Baltimore

Zapped! authors, Jewel and Lynelle have been invited by the Port Discovery Museum to take part in their STEM in Spring initiative designed to encourage children's interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It is quite an honor and a challenge. The challenge? To turn a 12ft by 12 ft. room into a cell!

This event will take place at the Port Discovery Museum beginning on March 31, 2015. More information will be provided as the event unfolds.

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Excerpt

When Sonya and Lynelle entered they saw Giselle and Justin standing near a long table on which sat a strange machine with many buttons and flashing colored lights. There was a microscope next to it. Under the microscope was a dish with a red liquid. Giselle was looking into the microscope.

“What are you doing in here?” Lynelle snapped. “I told you to stay with me!”

“Look at this, Lynelle,” Giselle answered excitedly, not taking her eyes from the microscope. “These cells look just like Dr. Small’s drawings.”

Lynelle and Sonya joined Giselle at the microscope.

“This is so cool,” said Justin, moving closer to the strange machine. He reached out to touch it, his index finger hovering over a big red button. “It looks like my video game! I wonder what this button does.”

“Don’t touch that!” Sonya warned, but it was too late.

Justin pressed the red button on the machine. There was vibrating sound as a long robotic arm unfolded from the machine and moved left and right as if it was searching for something. When it was pointing at Giselle, Lynelle, and Sonya a bright red light shone from the machine. Justin watched in horror as the three girls were shrunk into little tiny specks and disappeared.

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About the Authors



St. Kitts born Jewel Daniel is a cell biologist, author and educator who combines her love for science and books to teach kids about the exciting microscopic world of the cell. Zapped! is her first children's novel. She already has three publications under the pen name Jewel Amethyst, *A Marriage of Convenience*, *Holiday Brides*, and *Pretty Little Liars: Indiscretion*. Zapped is her first children's novel.

Lynelle is the star of this show. At the time of the publication of Zapped! Lynelle Martin was a rising middle school student. She has an avid interest in science and adventure. Zapped! is her debut novel, but she has already written the sequel and plans to work on book 3.

Reviews

Zapped! Danger in the Cell was released in August 2014, and immediately attracted high praise from educators and children alike.

Here's just some of the feedback that we've received.

"We've read the book and love it! So creative! What an engaging way to take us on an adventure that is both a great journey, full of twists and turns, and also a great learning experience! Highly recommend for young learners -- and parents alike! I learned a lot!" Bryn Parchment, Port Discovery Children's Museum, Baltimore.

"I loved it. What a wonderful concept and great read. Congratulations. I think it is really a great book for middle schoolers. It is a very complicated and complex topic. You made it much more accessible." Susan Magsamen, Senior Advisor, Brain Science Institute and Science of Learning Institute, Johns Hopkins University and Creator of Curiosityville.

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"Zapped! Danger in the cell" written by Jewel Daniel and Lynelle Martin was a delight. The way they illustrated the function of our cells made it easy to understand. My daughter, [...], rated the book as an excellent read. In fact, it was so enticing to her that she read through the entire book about three times. It has given her a new found appreciation for the essential role cells play in the body. Zapped, really zapped me. I will recommend this book to all children of specific target age to read. They will develop a most profound understanding of their biological make up. As a matter of fact, I know teachers will utilize this book as a reference material in their class rooms. Thanks Jewel and Lynelle for sharing your interesting insights with us. I anxiously look forward the sequel." Happy parents and children.

This was a wonderful book! My child loved it because it was "both real and not real". This book give children who like adventure stories a thrill that never stops until the end, while "educating them" in the layout and parts of the cell. Children who like science (like mine) enjoy it for the scientific references, as well as for the fun of the adventure. Children of color will appreciate seeing protagonists who look like them. It was really a lovely book, hard for even an adult like me. And it does not break the bank! – Amazon customer.

B o o k i n g I n f o r m a t i o n

Authors Jewel and Lynelle present very interesting interactive author visits. Jewel's background as a PhD scientist and an educator makes her particularly well-suited for talking to your students. Lynelle's engaging presence is an inspiration to aspiring writers, scientists, and just to students in general.

For more information on having Jewel and Lynelle present at your school contact the publisher at info@caribbeanreads.com.

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In the Media

OLMC celebrates National Reading Week

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As part of National Reading Week, about 160 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lower School students filled the school's gym and got comfortable with blankets and pillows to read on Monday, Nov. 10.

ESSEX — Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lower School (OLMC) held a read-a-thon on Monday afternoon, Nov. 10, as their first event to celebrate National Reading Week. About 160 lower school students entered the school gym with blankets, pillows and books.

Each got comfortable, settling down to read for the next 30 minutes. Their reading efforts were recorded by class throughout the week with goals based on grade level and reading ability. Some classes counted the number of pages read. Some recorded the number of books read. Classes also invited guest readers to visit to help them reach their chosen goals.

On Friday, Nov. 14, OLMC ended the week with a presentation by former Lower School student, Lynelle Martin and her mother, Jewel Daniel. This mother/daughter team wrote a terrific book for children, "Zapped! Danger in the Cell." The book provides a fun way for students to read about what a cell is and a bit about how it works, providing information that will be a great help to readers in their science class.

While Daniel is a scientist, her daughter is 12 years old and in the sixth grade. Lynelle was excited for several years as a young child about her mother being a published author, and she encouraged her mom for several years to write something with her. Once her mom agreed, the work began outlining the story and designing all the details of how the girls in the book would be zapped as well as what would happen to them once they entered the cell. Lynelle admits she thought it would be extra fun to use the names of both her sister and brother as characters in the story.

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Mother and daughter have attended author workshops as well as the Baltimore Book Fest to promote the book.

The third, fourth and fifth grade students enjoyed the presentation about the writing and publishing process, as well as a brief overview of the cell information. The younger students enjoyed a brief presentation about the book and the writing which was followed by the opportunity to create a cell as a craft project — a similar project Lynelle conducted as a workshop at the Baltimore Book Fest 2014.