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Ginger Mancino, KID COMEDIAN

MIDDLE SCHOOL IS NO LAUGHING MATTER!

At 12 years old, professional comedian Ginger Mancino has drawn laughs on stages across the country and even performed on the most popular late night comedy show. But when she's forced to retire from comedy and live a regular life for the first time, she discovers her toughest audience yet: middle school.

"Funny, heartwarming and adorable! Ginger's story will resonate with funny kids everywhere."

-Jenny Lawson, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Furiously Happy and Let's Pretend This Never Happened

"Ginger Mancino is funny and real..."

 Meredith Walker, co-founder and executive director of Amy Poehler's Smart Girls

"...a comic hero for the ages."

-Shari Simpson, author of Sam Saves the Night and the upcoming Disney Books series, The Sugar Rush Racers

"A hilarious and deeply touching story for anyone who has ever felt different...a legit hit!"

–Melissa Savage, author of Lemons and Karma Moon–Ghost Hunter

KEY SELLING POINTS

- FOR FANS OF BOOKS WITH FUNNY, RELATABLE CHARACTERS like STAND UP, YUMI CHUNG by Jessica Kim, MY LIFE AS A POTATO by Arianne Costner and FUNNY GIRL by Betsy Bird.
- FOR GIRLS WHO DREAM OF GROWING UP TO BE the next AMY POEHLER, MINDY KALING, or TIG NOTARO.
- GIRL EMPOWERMENT: GIRLS ARE FUNNY TOO: Readers need to see funny girls on the pages of humorous books, too.
- USING HUMOR FOR EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL CONNECTION: Humor is a fundamental coping tool for mental health and emotional regulation, and an essential part of human interaction.
- ACCEPTANCE, KINDNESS, and STAYING TRUE TO YOURSELF are key themes explored in the story.

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Her writing is included in the anthologies Listen to Your Mother: What She Said Then, What We're Saying Now (Putnam, 2015) and Keep Scrolling Til You Feel Something• Twenty-One Years of Humor from McSweeney's Internet Tendency (McSweeneys, 2019). Her humor pieces have been performed by award-winning actresses including Uzo Aduba of "Orange Is the New Black," Sharon Horgan, and Alison Brie of "Glow."

Wendi's eponymous blog was named "Funniest Parenting Blog" by Parents Magazine in 2013. She was also the Winner of the 2017 Iris Award for "Most Entertaining Writer" at the Mom 2.0 Influencer conference and was named a "Voice of the Year" by BlogHer twice.

In 2014, Wendi co-created the viral Twitter parody account @PaulRyanGosling. Multiple tweets from that account were featured on national media including The Rachael Maddow Show and the Today show. Her personal Twitter account has 18,000 followers, and her tweets have appeared in numerous "funniest tweets" lists, from Huffington Post, Scary Mommy, BuzzFeed, Mashable and more.

Wendi also has two funny books for adults coming out soon: *I'm Wearing Tunics Now* (Andrews McMeel Publishing, 2022) and *Rock Your Socks* (Chronicle Books, 2023). *Ginger Mancino, Kid Comedian* (BookBar Press, June 2022) is her first middle grade book.

Wendi lives in Austin, Texas, with her husband, Christopher, and sons, Sam and Jack.