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So very many celebrities have published children´s books over the last two decades. A short list would include Madonna, Whoopi Goldberg, Glenn Beck, John Lithgow, Jerry Seinfeld, Jay Leno, Emma Thompson, Will Smith, Molly Shannon, Ray Romano, Sting, President Obama, Michael Phelps, Amy Carter, and on and on.

According to families.com :

'A terrible trend has developed in the children´s book industry. Walk into any reputable bookstore, and in the children´s section you will find shelves lined with books written by celebrities.'
' When we choose a book for our child based solely on our admiration for the celebrity author, we are robbing that child of quality literature where the story stands on its own merits. The author´s identity should be secondary to the STORY, and not the other way around.'

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