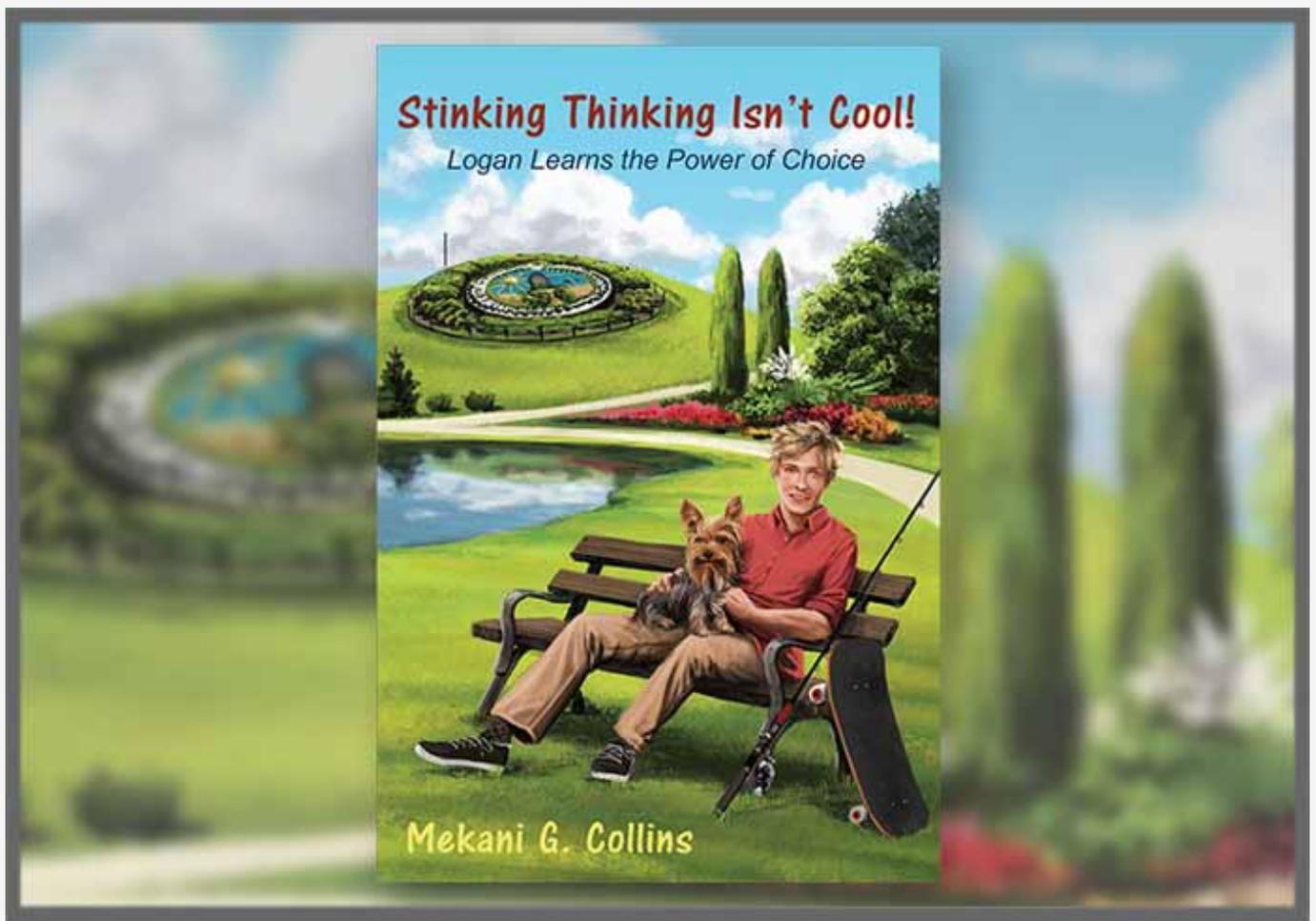


# 12-Year Old Author Survives Death, Seven Surgeries and Severe Sleep Apnea to Write Teen Book on Healthy Thinking

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 11, 2017 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) -- Mekani G. Collins was born a micro-preemie at one-pound, two and a half ounces. Doctors stated he would not live. He survived imminent death, seven surgeries and severe sleep apnea (he stopped breathing 61 times in one night) before his fourth birthday. Today, health is so important to him that he wrote a book – “Stinking Thinking Isn’t Cool!” (ISBN: 978-0998819419) published by Textorium Publishing. It’s an action-packed teenage adventure that’s all about pushing boundaries and making the right choices.



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A book signing is scheduled at Barnes and Noble on September 23 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the MacArthur Center at 300 Monticello Ave., Norfolk, VA.

The story is set in Virginia Beach, Va. and centers around four characters – Logan Murphy and his brother James and two friends, Brianna and Carleto. The author balances right thinking versus wrong (stinking) thinking to create a humorous and thoughtful tale that promises to entertain.

As Logan's thinking transitions from his teenage world into that of adults, outrageous adventures and escapades ensue. For example, he throws the neighbor's clock out of a window to repair it, buys a dog and rabbit with his mother's grocery money and attacks a burglar. The choices he makes are all about exploring and pushing limits, preparing him and his companions to confront the world on their own.

"Stinking Thinking Isn't Cool" has been compared to classics such as "Peter Pan" and "Tom Sawyer."

This 116-page book is available in paperback, on Kindle and Nook.

**For more information:**

Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.com/Stinking-Thinking-Isnt-Cool-Learns/dp/0998819417>.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mekani.collins.7>.

Barnes and Noble:

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/stinking-thinking-isnt-cool-mekani-g-collins/1126575442?ean=9780998819419>.

**About the Author:**

Mekani G. Collins is an honor roll student, author, poetry writer and amateur photographer. He's the recipient of the Mensa Foundation's "Excellence in Reading" Award and has published award-winning short stories and poetry. He has also received recognition from the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture for his philanthropy in raising money. He enjoys reading, swimming and spending time with family and friends.

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