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Adora Svitak

Adora Svitak is a one-of-a-kind literary prodigy. She is a published author who reaches out to children around the world through the Internet and encourages them to read and write.

Svitak could read and write simple words at age two and a half. She read her first chapter book at age three and a half; started to write short stories at age four; and started to type short stories at age six. By age seven, Svitak had published her first book, *The Bug Inspector*, appeared on "Good Morning America," and met Peter Jennings.

Although she was originally not so confident in her spelling and grammar, and her early writing depended on help from her mom, her sister and her tutors, Svitak refused to be discouraged by her mistakes and kept asking for help. Her breakthrough came in the form of a used laptop computer that her mother bought. She was fascinated by what she could do. After her aunt and uncle showed her some of the functions, she was very eager to experiment and discovered many tools on her own.

"Reading and writing are my life," says Svitak. Her most recent publication, *Flying Fingers – Master the Tools of Learning Through the Joy of Learning*, is an innovative mix of fiction and instruction and includes a compilation of Svitak's stories. She hopes to use her own success to inspire other children to take more of an interest in reading and writing. Called the "tiny literacy giant" by Diane Sawyer, Svitak serves as an inspiring example to many young children.



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About Verizon Foundation Community Champions

Verizon Foundation Community Champions are celebrities who volunteer their time and talents to join the Verizon Foundation in its efforts to raise awareness and support initiatives in literacy and education as well as domestic violence prevention.

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