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## Hello, Crochet Friends!

# Making Art, Being Mindful, Giving Back: Do What Makes You Happy

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#### Description

A celebration of the beauty and power of crochet—specifically, the life-changing benefits this fibre art has brought to one extraordinary boy, 11-year-old crochet prodigy, Jonah Larson.

**PART ONE:** Jonah shares his life story, including details about his adoption, behaviour struggles in school, and the role that crochet has played in his life.

**PART TWO:** Jonah defines crochet, introduces fibre art friends from around the world, and invites readers to "crochet away" with him—exclusive pattern included.

Since "going viral" early this year, Jonah has been credited for lighting the crochet community on fire, and he has grown his social media following substantially. His Instagram page has nearly 200,000 followers. The continued national and international media attention, including an appearance on the Today Show, a spot in *Oprah Magazine*, feature stories in major crochet magazines in the US and UK, and interviews by television stations in Australia and Germany, has allowed Jonah to expand his business and "give back" in an even bigger way. To date, he has raised close to \$20,000 through Go Fund Me for an organisation doing charitable work in the region of Ethiopia where he was born.

#### **About the Author**

Jonah Larson began crocheting at age five. Today, at age 11, Jonah has a significant social media following from around the world and is using his platform not just to share crocheting tutorials, but also to share his inspiring pattern for life. Jonah has crocheted thousands of projects in his eleven years, but *Hello, Crochet Friends!* is his first book. Jonah lives with his family in Wisconsin, USA. You can follow Jonah online @jonahhands and view his tutorials on YouTube. You can also join the *Hello, Crochet Friends!* community on Facebook @hellocrochetfriends.

Jennifer Larson, Jonah's mother, does not crochet. In fact, the only hooks she picks up are the ones Jonah leaves lying around the house! Jennifer, a former hospital administrator, supports her son in many ways, including her role as the co-author of his picture book autobiography *Hello, Crochet Friends!* Jennifer is also a proud mother to Jonah's brother, Leif, and sister, Mercy, and is happily married to her husband, Chris. When hanging out together, there's a good chance the Larsons will be sitting on the floor because, of course, beloved dogs Bella and Charlie will have taken up all the room on the couch. Jennifer, her family, and their dogs live in Wisconsin, USA.

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