



## New Kimochis® Picture Book Series!

San Anselmo, CA - The lovable Kimochis® characters come to life this Fall with two imaginative new picture books illustrated by award-winning artist Hanako Wakiyama. Each book introduces children to the varicolored world of feelings and includes a forward from communication expert Ellen Pritchard Dodge, M. Ed, CCC-SLP, giving parents and educators simple tips to help children practice for life's challenging moments.

"Kimochis® are really charming. I love their gentle, silly, trippy, lovely world," says William Joyce, renowned children's book author and illustrator of *Dinosaur Bob* and producer of *Rolie Polie Olie* and *George Shrinks*.

In *Cloud's Best Worst Day Ever*, Cloud was having the BEST day, until everything started to go wrong. When Cloud bursts and rains on everyone's parade, his nurturing friend Lovey Dove reminds him that it's okay to be mad, but it's not okay to be mean. With the support of his friends, Cloud apologizes and ends up joining in the fun. With endearing characters and beautifully detailed illustrations, *Cloud's Best Worst Day Ever* is a gentle story that can help children learn how to handle upset feelings and cloudy moods. "*Cloud's Best Worst Day Ever* is a charming book and a perfect vehicle for helping young children (and adults!) understand the message that 'it's OKAY to be mad but it's not OKAY to be mean.' I love this book; I love the illustrations, and I recommend it for both kids and their parents!" Donna Mitroff, PhD., educator and children's media professional.

In *Bug Makes a Splash*, Bug is afraid to try new things. When his friends invite him for a swim, he would much rather stay at home and read a good book. When Lovey Dove reminds Bug that it's okay to be afraid, Bug finds the courage to overcome his scared feelings and dives right into the fun surprising everyone! *Bug Makes a Splash* is a sweet reminder for reluctant children on the meaning of being brave and offers caregivers simple tips to help children find the courage to spread their wings and fly. "What a delightful book! Reading *Bug Makes a Splash!* together with young children opens the door to meaningful conversations about the fear of trying something new. Read this book again and again—the insights just keep coming!" Donna Mitroff, PhD.

Kimochi (KEY.MO.CHEE) means "feeling" in Japanese. An *Instructor Magazine*, Teacher's Pick, Kimochis...Toys With Feelings Inside® are an award-winning, playful way for children to learn to identify and express feelings—building confidence, self-esteem, and positive social skills that lead to lasting friendships and success in all aspects of life.

"Kimochis® help to teach children about their feelings and how to manage them."  
— *Mothering Magazine*

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