



### **About the Author: Franco E. Santos, MA, Ed.D.**

Franco E. Santos began writing the *Chomp the Chimp* stories in 2002 as gentle, developmentally attuned read-alouds for his young son. What started as simple bedtime moments grew into a mission-driven series designed to support curiosity, calm, and emotional understanding in early childhood.

#### **A Foundation in Developmental Science**

A former professor of Psychology with a doctoral degree in Education, Franco has spent more than twenty years studying how young children process new experiences, build resilience, and make sense of their world. His background in developmental science informs the rhythm, pacing, and emotional clarity of the Chomp series, which is intentionally crafted to support Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) without overstimulation.

#### **A Perspective of Adaptability**

As a U.S. Army Veteran, Franco brings a steady, grounded perspective to his work, emphasizing environments that feel safe, predictable, and gently adventurous. Through Santos Press, he is committed to creating nature-based stories that help children ages 3–7 explore their world with confidence and curiosity.