I Don’t Want To Blow You Up!
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Are you ever afraid that someone is going to blow you up?
Hello.

My name is Naeem.

I was born in London. I grew up in Pakistan, Libya, and Bangladesh. Now I live in Brooklyn, New York.

I blow up tires on my bicycle,

but I don't want to blow you up!

Now let's go meet some people...
This is Anousheh Ansari.

She was born in Iran and grew up in the United States of America. She is planet Earth's first woman "space tourist." She traveled with a crew aboard the Soyuz TMA-9, a rocket ship that launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, on a mission to the International Space Station.

She doesn't want to blow you up!
Hello, I’m Omar Ahmed.

I live in California and I am very good with computers. I helped create *Napster*, a program that lets people share music on the Internet.

I’m a big football fan and I also know how to fly an airplane. This is me with one of the planes I have flown.

I do not want to blow you up!
Oh! This is Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

He was born Ferdinand Lewis Alcindor, Jr., but changed his name when he became Muslim in college.

As a professional basketball player, he was the NBA's all-time leading scorer. He had a shot called the "sky hook" that no one could stop. You see, he's really tall...

7 feet 2 inches.

He doesn’t want to blow you up!
Introducing...

D.J. José Padilla!

He plays music around the world. People love to dance to his records. Sometimes they look like they are dreaming on the dance floor.

He doesn’t want to blow you up.

He wants to make you dance!
This is my friend, 
**Imaan bin Ladin.**

She works in construction. Her company has demolition crews that take down old buildings, so new ones can be built. They use many different types of explosives to get the job done.

Imaan’s job is to make sure the explosions are safe, so that no one gets hurt.

She needs to blow up buildings for her job, but she doesn’t want to blow you up!
Hi, my name is Sarah Takesh.

I was born in Iran, grew up in California, and started my own business in Afghanistan. In my factory in Kabul, I have hired more than 300 women to bead, embroider, and crochet silk, cotton, and wool. People all over the world wear clothes that we make.

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This is Alain Maridueña, also known as Alan Ket, Ket One, or just KET.

He is a graffiti artist, a historian, and a book publisher. As a kid he was known to “bomb” trains in New York. That means he covered the sides of subway cars with his paintings.

He absolutely does not want to blow you up.
This is Marvin Bush (with friends), a lesser-known brother of President George W. Bush.

He has made some very interesting business deals. Hmm...

Maybe you should Google him?
The Bomb Squad...

...are musicians from Long Island, NY.


Some say their music is “Louder Than a Bomb!”

Does The Bomb Squad want to blow you up?

No.
This is Tariq Ramadan.

His family is Egyptian but he was born in Switzerland. He is a theology professor who studies old religious books and talks about how they fit in today’s world. TIME magazine called him one of the 100 most influential thinkers on the planet.

Yet, he cannot visit the United States, because the government decided he is too dangerous!

He wants to debate ideas.

He doesn’t want to blow you up!
And who is this?

This is Nasir bin Olu Dara Jones, also known as Nasty Nas, Nastradamus, Nas, or simply, The N.

When he made his first hip-hop record out of Queensbridge, NY, people said he “blew up!” That means he became popular very quickly.

But he doesn’t want to blow you up.
My name is Osama.

Maybe it’s because of my name, or maybe it’s because sometimes I wear a cap on my head, but people always ask me if I’m a terrorist!

A terrorist?! I’m not a terrorist! I’m a boy who is very good at science. Someday, I’m going to be a U.S. Supreme Court judge.

I don’t want to blow you up!
Are you still afraid that someone wants to blow you up?

Billions of people of different colors and cultures live in peace on this earth.

Most people who look, dress, and talk differently from you don't want to harm you. They are busy doing useful things in their lives. They would rather love than hate. And instead of starting a fight, they would like to say...

"Hello!"

Or maybe,

"Hola!" "Shalom!" "Salaam!"
"Bonjour!" "Yo!" "Aloha!"
"Olá!" "Hu!" "Allo!" "Sawubona!"
"Szia!" "Tja!" "Hallo!" "Jambo!"
"Namaste!"
"Ni Hao!" "Guten Tag!"
"Ki Khobor!" "Hi!" "Konnichiwa!"

"Ciao!" "Annyeonghaseyo!"
The End!
My name is F. Bowman Hastie III.
I have a dog named Tillamook Cheddar – “Tillie” for short. Her son Doc Chinook Strongheart lives with us, too.
Tillie makes paintings. In fact, she is the world’s preeminent canine artist, and the most successful living animal painter.

Visit us at: www.Tillie.org

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Coloring books are not supposed to be scary.
So why a coloring book about FEAR itself?
One way to deal with fear is to run the other direction, away from the so-called “threat” —real or imagined.
Another way is to look straight in the face at whomever we’ve been taught to fear.
Most of the time, we’ll find out that there’s no reason to be afraid at all.