

The Inspirational Story Behind the Book

I wrote *Charlie Takes an Adventure* when I was 11 years old. It started out as a language arts project. My teacher gave the class a task to write a book. At the end of the school year, my manuscript was returned to me in a “hardcover” format. Boy, I was pretty excited to see my book in hardcover. When I showed my dad the book, I said, “Dad, how cool would it be if I can get this book published for REAL someday!!!”

Being 11 years old at the time, I had no clue how to get a book published. So this is what happened... My book sat on the bookshelf collecting dust for 13 years. I would constantly hear the discouragement from family members, friends, teachers, and librarians.

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“You are way too young to publish a book!”

“It’s way too hard to publish a book!”

“It costs too much money to publish a book!”

I even had one guy (“boyfriend”) that I dated tell me this:

“You aren’t smart enough to publish a book!”

I sure was smart enough to dump him after that comment...right!?

Two years later♥, *Charlie Takes an Adventure* was hit with an overwhelmingly positive response from; children, parents, and educators across the board. The book launched at the middle school I attended when I was in 6th grade, Loggers Run Middle School! At this event, I gave a motivational talk to 400+ people in the auditorium, which included; students, parents, faculty, and the Superintendent of the Palm Beach County Schools.



Since the launch of my book, I have visited 100’s of schools across America. I have even been invited to inspire; Elementary and Middle Schools and religious affiliations with my motivational event titled, “Dream Big”.

I have also been selected to be the keynote speaker for the Girl Scouts of America (2 years in a row), as well as, Keller Williams Real Estate.