

# Debra Frasier

Author & Illustrator

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Debra Frasier writes and illustrates picture books and her efforts have won numerous awards. Her first book, **On the Day You Were Born**, has had a worldwide reception and the accompanying video won the American Library Association's highest honor for a children's film, the *Andrew Carnegie Medal*. **Miss Alaineus, A Vocabulary Disaster**, (that's "miscellaneous"), won the International Reading Association's *Children's AND Teacher's Choice Awards* and has inspired Vocabulary Parades from coast to coast.

In 2010 Debra founded the Minnesota State Fair's *Alphabet Forest*, where everyone wins WORDS! This unique participatory literacy booth was inspired by her book, **A Fabulous Fair Alphabet** and is staffed by 400 volunteers each year since. In 2013 her picture book **SPIKE, Ugliest Dog in the Universe**, won a star from Kirkus Reviews and a place on *Amazon's Editor's Choice Children's List* for 2013. This book is now the mentor text for a first person writing workshop that has won rave reviews from classroom teachers across the USA.

Well known for weaving together academic material and heartfelt stories, Debra creates **BOOK EVENTS** for each of her books. These story-centered events and projects build Vocabulary, Creativity, and Community and free directions are always ready at [debrafrasier.com](http://debrafrasier.com).