

Debra Frasier

Author & Illustrator

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Debra Frasier writes and illustrates picture books. She has won the hearts of readers since 1991 and the publication of her first book, **On the Day You Were Born**. With more than one million copies in print this book is remembered by young readers for decades. One mother once wrote Debra to say that her college-aged son calls home on his birthday to hear this story read because it was “their tradition!”

Debra has won numerous awards for her books and one award-winner, **Miss Alaineus, A Vocabulary Disaster**, (that’s “miscellaneous”), has inspired thousands and thousands of “Word Costumes,” in schools across the United States. You can find many examples on her website, including a teacher who dressed as the word “ELECTRIC.” This teacher wore a string of holiday lights and plugged herself in from time to time!

Debra Frasier is an author who makes more than books, and if you have ever visited the Minnesota State Fair’s *Alphabet Forest*, you have seen her imagination at work on a giant scale. Since 2010 thousands of families have played word games in this wacky alphabet area where a half million words have been collected and exchanged for blue ribbons. All this was inspired by **A Fabulous Fair Alphabet**—just a slim little picture book—proving that a tiny book can make big things happen.

Now Debra’s **SPIKE, Ugliest Dog in the Universe**, has arrived and this heartfelt story of an abandoned dog and his search for home has inspired hundreds of “*Spike’s Friends*” stories through her free online writing workshop. All of Debra’s books are accompanied by a BOOK EVENT to help us all build Vocabulary, Creativity, and Community through her stories. You can find all you need at her website, debrafrasier.com.