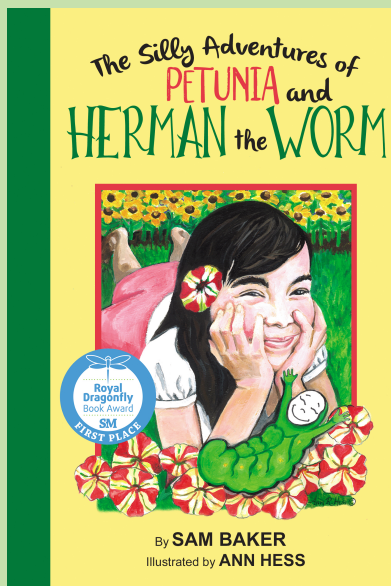


The Silly Adventures of Petunia and Herman the Worm

Enjoy this lively and animistic tale of a motherless girl named Petunia who rescues and befriends a charming and talking caterpillar named Herman. As Herman 'worms' his way into the hearts of Petunia's family and friends, they learn to nurture and care for him. *The Silly Adventures of Petunia and Herman* reminds its readers about the transformative power of love, about the magic of unlikely friendships, and about respect for life in its many forms. An engaging chapter book for accelerated readers grades 2 through 5. This tale by first-time author Sam Baker will leave its readers wanting more.



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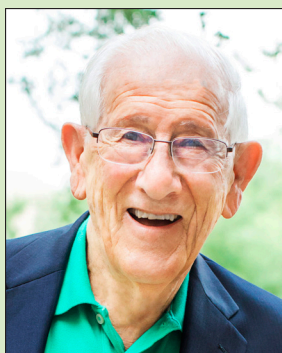
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About the Author

As a youngster of 10, Sam Baker used to feed the large green caterpillars he found crawling on dill plants in his family's backyard until they entered the pupa stage, eventually becoming beautiful butterflies. Later, as a father, he told bedtime stories about his caterpillar friends to his children, Sally and Mike. Those spontaneous stories inspired his first book, *The Silly Adventures of Petunia and Herman the Worm*.

As a storyteller, Baker has drawn upon an adventurous and fascinating life. Born in Clarksdale, Mississippi, he obtained his engineering degree from Mississippi State, joined the Marine Corps, and served in the South Pacific during World War II. His post-war adventures included flying over the North Pole in 1951 and being stationed in Cape Canaveral, Florida during the early days of the U.S. space program. He later served as the Director of the National Geodetic Survey. Retiring from the military following 30 years of service, Sam worked on a fusion project for Brookhaven National Laboratories and later became the world's first GPS salesman. Sam now lives in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he continues to craft his adventures around the world into delightful stories for children.



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Amazon Review by Susanne Lucas
★★★★★

Oh, what a lovely book! It is so sweet that a father wrote this for his young daughter and son. I got it for my granddaughters but have thoroughly enjoyed reading it myself. At a time when the whole world is struggling to accept those different than ourselves and to accept the parts of ourselves that we may see as different, this book shows us the way. What more could we want in a bedtime story. I highly recommend this book both for yourself and for any children in your life. Five stars!



Amazon Review by Fernando
★★★★★

Great book to read out loud, very nice detail and characters.

Book Excerpt:

It was an exciting day for Mr. Wilson, who was carefully inspecting the tomato plants he had been growing. He was looking at one tomato growing on his plants. This greenish-yellow tomato was very, very big. It was the biggest tomato Mr. Wilson had ever grown and was on a plant that was on the very edge of the hill. Mr. Wilson carefully lifted the leaves of the tomato plant and looked at his prize tomato. His mouth began to feel as though he could taste how wonderful this tomato would be when it was ripe.



Mr. Wilson took his glasses out of his shirt pocket and put them on. He then looked down into the beautiful wide Valley below. He recalled that as a young boy, he and his friends would slide down the hill during the winter snow on sleds, and during the summer they would use a big piece of a cardboard box to slide down the hill on the grass. *That was really fun.*

It was almost time for Sunday dinner, so Mr. Wilson left his garden and headed for his house, still thinking about that prize tomato.

Mr. Wilson didn't know what was happening inside this prize tomato. Two large tomato worms were busy at work, eating away, and they did not know that another worm was there. When they both took a great big bite, each of them bit the other worm!

That really hurt. They both jumped back and that caused the tomato to spin around and around until it fell off the tomato plant, landing on the edge of the hill. The tomato began to roll slowly down the hill. The farther it rolled, the faster it went, faster and faster until it reached a small bump, and then it took off flying through the air.

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Amazon Review by HPS Paige

This is a sweet book with beautiful illustrations. It's perfect for the child who is learning to read short chapter books. The illustrations are colorful and fun, so whimsical! It has a beautiful message. Highly recommended.



I love this book! Herman shows me that I can do anything. It is fun to read with my dad.