

## Author Bios

### Long Bio (128 words):

Debra Kempf Shumaker started reading at the age of four and hasn't stopped since. She grew up on a small dairy farm in Wisconsin but now lives in the suburbs of Northern Virginia with her husband, three sons, and two cats. When she isn't reading or writing, she enjoys hiking, gardening, and watching Jeopardy.

She is the author of FREAKY, FUNKY FISH (Running Press Kids), TELL SOMEONE (Albert Whitman), PECULIAR PRIMATES (Running Press Kids) and the upcoming WIND IS A DANCE (Kids Can Press, October 1, 2024).

Visit her online at her [www.debrashumaker.com](http://www.debrashumaker.com), on Twitter at [@ShumakerDebra](https://twitter.com/ShumakerDebra), on Instagram at [@debrakshumaker](https://www.instagram.com/debrakshumaker), and on Bluesky at [@debrakshumaker](https://bsky.app/profile/debrakshumaker).

Debra is also the cohost of #PBPitch, a Twitter pitch party for picture books, held every February, June, and October. Check out more details at [www.pbpitch.weebly.com](http://www.pbpitch.weebly.com).

### Medium Bio (71 words):

Debra Kempf Shumaker loves weird and fascinating facts. When she isn't reading or writing, she enjoys hiking, gardening, and watching Jeopardy. She lives in Northern Virginia with her husband, three sons, and two cats. She is the author of FREAKY, FUNKY FISH (2021), TELL SOMEONE (2021), PECULIAR PRIMATES (2022) and the upcoming WIND IS A DANCE (2024). Visit her online at [www.debrashumaker.com](http://www.debrashumaker.com), on Twitter at [@ShumakerDebra](https://twitter.com/ShumakerDebra), Instagram at [@debrakshumaker](https://www.instagram.com/debrakshumaker), and Bluesky at [@debrakshumaker](https://bsky.app/profile/debrakshumaker).

### Short Bio (59 words):

Debra Kempf Shumaker started reading at the age of four and hasn't stopped since. She grew up on a small dairy farm in Wisconsin but now writes picture books from her home in the suburbs of Northern Virginia. She is the author of FREAKY, FUNKY FISH (2021), TELL SOMEONE (2021), PECULIAR PRIMATES (2022), and the upcoming WIND IS A DANCE (2024).

### Author Visit Bio (57 words):

Debra Kempf Shumaker loves exciting kids about science and writing. As a former corporate trainer, she knows the importance of bringing energy to a presentation, especially to an elementary school audience. Debra is the author of FREAKY, FUNKY FISH; PECULIAR PRIMATES; TELL SOMEONE; and the upcoming WIND IS A DANCE (October 1, 2024). She offers both virtual and in-person author visits.

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## Fun Facts About Debra:

- Debra Kempf Shumaker (Sterling, VA) grew up on a small Wisconsin dairy farm with her parents and EIGHT sisters.
- Debra never traveled when she was a kid. But as an adult, she's lived in four different states and has traveled to 46 of them!
- Debra's first publication was in her school's newsletter when she was in the third grade. It was about a hungry snail and she can still recite it.
- Debra was SO shy when she was a young girl that she barely talked to anyone outside of her family. But now she loves talking to everyone! (She especially loves talking about books.)
- Debra worked in Yellowstone National Park one summer when she was in college. She will never forget camping and having a moose hanging out nearby all night!