

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 & Herman the Worm* 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 emerging readers ages 8 and above, this tale by first-time author Sam Baker will leave its readers wanting more.

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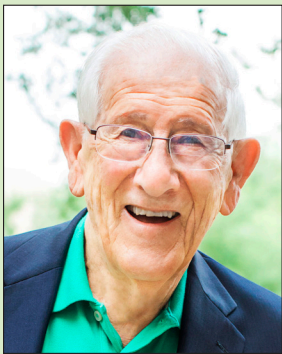
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*“Sam Baker’s new book, **The Silly Adventures of Petunia and Herman the Worm**, is a timeless story of a parsley catapillar who morphs into a butterfly, written by a 95-year-old gifted storyteller. This book captured my heart and my mind! I was enamored and I still am with this heart-felt book that shows kindness, joy and change is infinitely possible.”*



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.



This story is really inspiring. The details in the illustrations are wonderful! I wish I could hang a print of one of the pictures in my home.

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.

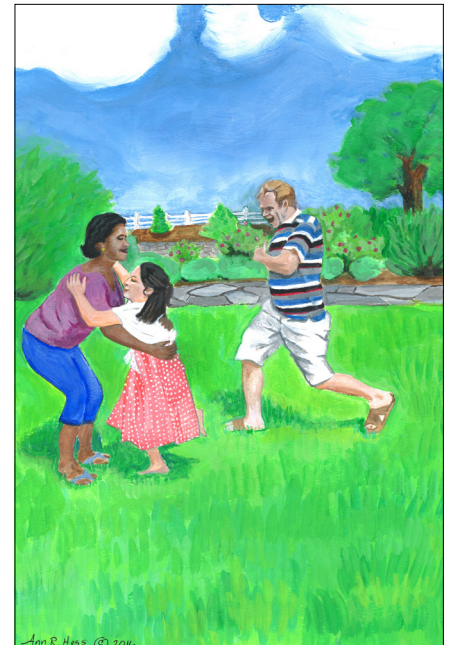
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The vibrancy in this book, between the story of Herman and Petunia and the artwork, adds to the connection between my kids and I as we read it. It lends to conversations that are door openers in my family.



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