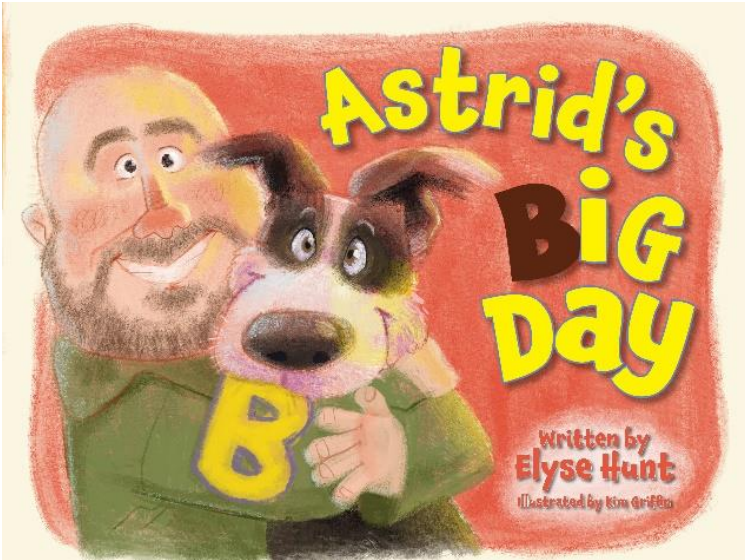


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ASTRID IS AN ADVENTUROUS RASCAL OF A DOG

who likes her days to be playful and fun.

Astrid's days are full of emotional experiences that have only just begun.

Enjoy the highs and the lows as Astrid becomes dirty and learns to stay clean...

And lots of other fun activities in between.

"A funny cute tale of pictures and words for kids to follow along and enjoy... Very good first book..." Carol, Indie Book reviewer

AUTHOR BIO

Elyse grew up in the outskirts of Melbourne while attending university. In January 2020, Elyse married Ben and they have since spent a lot of time together due to Covid locking them down.



Elyse has always had a strong affinity for the outdoors and a love for animals, in particular, dogs follow her wherever she goes. This is her first children's book.

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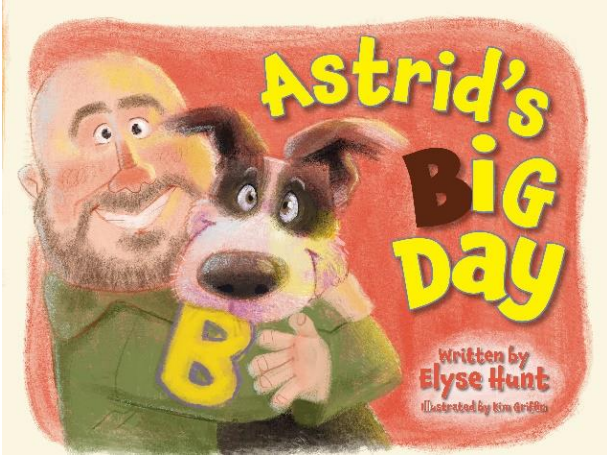
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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHY DID YOU WRITE 'ASTRID'S BIG DAY'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

I read an article in the Ballarat Courier about a high school student who had just published her book "Splish Splash Splosh" and decided to give it a go. I thought about different topics for a while and settled on this one after noticing the wide range of emotions my dog has during a day.

HOW DO YOU CREATE OR MODEL YOUR CHARACTERS TO FIT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STORY AND THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE READERS?

I modelled the story around my dog and the concept of recognising emotions. I also chose my dog Astrid because she is so much more expressive than my other dog Starsky.

WHAT DREW YOU TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF 'ASTRID'S BIG DAY'?

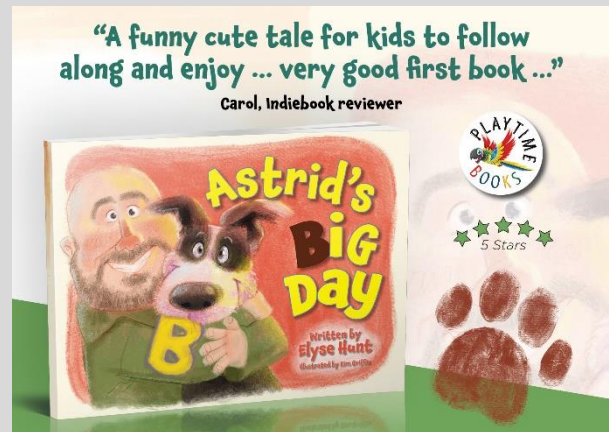
I was at the park with my dogs and Astrid was having the time of her life chasing the ball, playing with other dogs, and rolling in mud. As soon as we got home and she heard the bath running she had a look of sheer terror on her face, then after the bath she was calm. This range of emotions in such a short period of time was my inspiration.

WHAT WAS AN EARLY EXPERIENCE WHERE YOU LEARNED THAT LANGUAGE HAD POWER?

In grade 6, (shortly after 9/11) when we had to write an assignment on how tourists were affecting the Daintree Rainforest, and I mistakenly researched and wrote about terrorists affecting the Daintree.

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