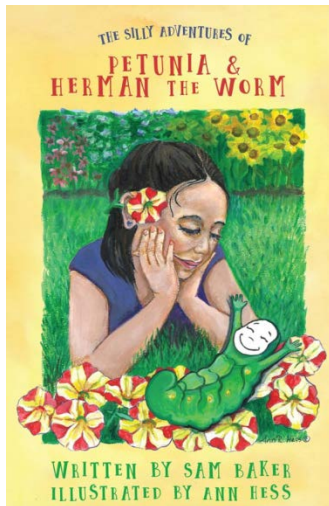


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## **Scottsdale Author Publishes “The Silly Adventures of Petunia and Herman the Worm”**

**New Children’s Book by 95-Year-Old Author Making Impact as Amazon Best Seller**



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**Scottsdale, AZ-** Captain (Leonard) Samuel Baker, Eagle Scout, and geodetic survey leader published his first children's book at 95 years young; [\*The Silly Adventures of Petunia and Herman the Worm\*](#). The book wiggled its way to an Amazon #1 best seller in the reptile and amphibian’s children's category within hours and is still trending as a #1 best-selling children's book on Amazon 7 days in a row.

*The Silly Adventures of Petunia and Herman the Worm* is based on stories the author told his two children, Sally and Mike when they were young and didn’t want to be read stories at bedtime. The book in its current form is for early readers, kids 6 and up. Baker says the book’s messages are universal and timely.

“Herman is disappointed with the people he meets because no one will accept him for who he is until he meets Petunia,” Baker said. “We should teach people – Don’t judge people by their appearance, judge people by their actions. Be yourself, everyone is a little different. People ought to accept people for who they are.”

The 91 page book is published by Happy Publishing. The color illustrations in the book were drawn by Ann Hess. You can order the book on the website, <http://Thesillyadventuresofpetuniaandhermantheworm.com>

### **About Sam Baker**

Sam is from Clarksdale Mississippi and obtained an engineering degree from Mississippi State. He joined the Marines in WWII as an officer and later became a leader in the US Coast & Geodetic Survey now NOAA.

Sam has received many honors and awards including an Engineering fellowship from Mississippi State. His work has taken him to all 50 states, and several foreign countries. A lover of education, and as Director of the National Geodetic Survey he created many new programs including an educational program for the staff and surveyors throughout the United States and their counterpoints in Europe. Photos and a full bio are in the media section of the website.

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