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New children's book teaches brothers and sisters how to get along

Kimberly Sentek tells story of canine sibling rivalry in 'Oh Brother!'

HAMILTON, N.J. – In her colorful new children's book, "Oh Brother!: A Nico and Tugger Tale" ([published by Trafford Publishing](#)), author Kimberly Sentek tells a relatable story about sibling rivalry between two puppies and how they work together as a family to resolve conflict, giving each puppy a chance to tell his own story.

"Many families are faced with difficulties when new children enter or when the lives of children change," Sentek writes. "Once I brought home my second dog and saw how the two interacted with each other, I thought it paralleled how children act with each other and even demonstrated sibling rivalry."

"Oh Brother!" introduces readers to Nico, an only dog who likes being the center of attention. When his parents bring home a new puppy named Tugger, Nico's world is turned upside down, and he's forced to share not only his toys, but the attention he gets from his mom and dad as well.

An excerpt from "Oh Brother!"

*I was an only dog, and I liked it that way.
No one bugged me when I ate, slept, and played.
One day Mommy and Daddy brought home a new toy.
"Oh wait," I thought, "that's not a toy but a small puppy boy!"*

Young readers and listeners living with a new sibling will likely relate to many of Nico's feelings as he adjusts to the role of big brother. Tugger gets his own chance to tell his side of the story, too, so everyone's voice is heard. Featuring illustrations by Eumir Carlo Fernandez, "Oh Brother!" provides a valuable resource for teaching children, particularly siblings, how to resolve conflict and coexist peacefully.

About the Author

Kimberly Sentek is a lifelong resident of New Jersey and has a bachelor's degree in English liberal arts from The College of New Jersey. She has always enjoyed writing, and "Oh Brother!," her first published book, is the first of many she hopes to write that chronicle the adventures of her real-life dogs, Nico and Tugger.

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