



Bella Joins the Service

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Bella, a fun-loving Lab, spends her days with her person, Kirk. Together, they run, swim, hike, and climb through Colorado's great outdoors. But one day, everything changes. While mountain biking, Kirk has a disabling fall that leaves him unable to use his arms and legs the way he used to. What's a Lab to do?

Bella chooses to "join the service"—service dogs, that is. While Kirk learns a new way of life, Bella learns how to do many things with her nose, mouth, and paws that Kirk can no longer do with his hands.

Follow Bella and Kirk's journey as they come full circle to live the same adventurous life they lived before—just differently.

About the Author



Julie Ellis Williams is a retired elementary school teacher and school counselor. For forty-one years, she connected with and encouraged numerous teachers and students with her motto, "The way you view it, is the way you do it."

Her favorite times are when she's with her family—her husband, Ray; son Clayton and his wife, Kelsie; and Kirk and his pup, Maddox.

Like Kirk, Julie loves the outdoors. She also cherishes the memories of her weekly visits to the hospital with her therapy dog, Wrigley, and sharing in fun times with Wrigley's sister, Addi, at home. Julie lives with Ray in Ashland, Virginia. *Bella Joins the Service* is her first published book.

About the Illustrator



Penny Weber is a full-time illustrator from Long Island, New York. She works with Photoshop to create digital paintings and has illustrated many picture books for the trade and educational markets. Penny lives with her husband, three children, and their fat cat, Tiger.

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