

Introduction: [00:00](#) Welcome to the Wrighter's Way Podcast where we celebrate writers who have completed their books and inspire writers who haven't. Join Laurie and her guests as they talk about writing, books, and life in between chapters.

Laurie: [00:17](#) Hi everybody. It's Laurie with the Laurie - er- with the Wrighter's Way Podcast here with my youngest guest yet, Emily Bastien. Welcome, Emily.

Emily: [00:28](#) Hi.

Laurie: [00:29](#) Hi. Thank you so much for coming on. I love your tee shirt. Tell everybody what it says in case they can't see it.

Emily: [00:36](#) It says The Fearless Fantabulous Five. That's the name of my second book.

Laurie: [00:41](#) Your second book. That is so cool. Okay. Emily, tell people about yourself a little bit. They're going to be saying what? How old is this girl? And she's written two books.

Emily: [00:53](#) My name is Emily Bastien. I am 9 years old. I go to Whitinsville Christian school. The things I like doing are swimming. I like rollerskating and I like hanging out with my friends.

Laurie: [01:05](#) Nice. Okay. And this is your second book and I love the word fantabulous. I used to use that word a lot. Do you use that word?

Emily: [01:16](#) Yes I do.

Laurie: [01:17](#) Yeah? And did it just come to you?

Emily: [01:20](#) Well, we searched it up and we thought we found that fantabulous means wonderful.

Laurie: [01:26](#) Okay. So you like that word, fancy way to say wonderful. And what is your book about?

Emily: [01:31](#) My book is about overcoming fears and helping and helping others in need.

Laurie: [01:36](#) Oh, that's wonderful. Okay. And it's just not even been out for a month. Hey?

Emily: [01:42](#) Yeah. I think we sent it out, sent it out a few weeks ago.

Laurie: [01:48](#) Okay. And you, this is your second book. So tell us about your first book.

Emily: [01:53](#) Well, my first book is called Aqua Tales. I published it when I was seven and it's about kids solving problems.

Laurie: [02:01](#) Okay. So you're one of those people, I'm guessing who has enjoyed writing right from when you were very young. Because some people don't, some people aren't writers from way back. So how long have you been writing for?

Emily: [02:14](#) I've been writing for about since I was six, I think.

Laurie: [02:18](#) Yeah.

Emily: [02:20](#) So about three years.

Laurie: [02:21](#) Three years. And always stories. You like to write stories?

Emily: [02:27](#) Yes I do.

Laurie: [02:28](#) And what do you like to read?

Emily: [02:31](#) I like to read I like to read the book Wonder. I like to read the Boxcar Children and I like to read books from Andrew Clements, like Lost and Found and Lunch Money.

Laurie: [02:45](#) Okay. I'm not familiar with that one. Is that adventure stories or what is that?

Emily: [02:50](#) The ASU comic book? Yeah. It's about, it's usually about one kid who it's usually at school. He or she is having some problems at school, but Lunch Money is about this kid named Greg and he, he wants to, and he wants to sell books called. I forgot what the comics are called, but he's selling comics and their school doesn't like that. So he's trying to find away where he could sell comics and the school will like it.

Laurie: [03:24](#) Oh, interesting. Okay. So all about solving your problems, which is part of this book. Right? This is a book the Fearless Fantas-Fantabulous Five. That's a mouthful. Five short stories. Yes?

Emily: [03:38](#) Yes. Five short stories.

Laurie: [03:40](#) Okay. And is there some problem solving aspects to those stories?

Emily: [03:43](#) Well, it's mostly about overcoming fear. The Aqua Tales one is about kids solving problems.

Laurie: [03:51](#) Okay. Mmhhh. And this one's about overcoming your fear.

Emily: [03:55](#) Yes. And also helping those in need.

Laurie: [03:58](#) Okay. That's wonderful. Emily, you're very impressive. Is this what you think you'd like to do forever? Writing?

Emily: [04:07](#) I also think I want to publish movies.

Laurie: [04:11](#) Maybe turn your books into movies.

Emily: [04:15](#) I don't think for the Aqua Tales one but I might for Fearless Fantabulous Five.

Laurie: [04:22](#) Okay. Yeah, that would be cool. How did you, so you've been writing stories for three years and then what, what gave you that push to actually turn it into a real book that you were selling, like to publish it? Was that your idea always, or did that come from your mom or dad or someone else?

Emily: [04:42](#) It keeps me because, I think that is kind of nice to put things about you overcoming fears and put it into a book. So if those children are dealing with those kinds of fears that you're facing they can look at what you did and maybe we could do what you did to help them face their fears.

Laurie: [05:04](#) That's so amazing. So I talk to people all the time that say, well, I have an idea for a book or I want to write a book, but they're really scared about actually publishing it. So you are a wonderful role model. Your book is about being fearless and then you yourself are pretty fearless I think. What do your friends think?

Emily: [05:29](#) Well my friends. Well do you think it's pretty cool that I wrote a book. But they don't say much about it?

Laurie: [05:36](#) No they don't?

Emily: [05:36](#) No.

Laurie: [05:38](#) No.

Emily: [05:39](#) 'Cause I told them in second grade and it's been like two years now. So it probably, it's probably an old thing for them now.

Laurie: [05:47](#) Right. So what about the new book though? Did you bring that in and show them?

Emily: [05:51](#) Yeah, and not a lot of people have been talking about it at school but I heard, I heard a lot people say congratulations Emily. And I say thank you.

Laurie: [06:00](#) Oh that's nice. So maybe they don't know what it means quite yet. That you're a published author two times over. What does your teacher say?

Emily: [06:08](#) My teacher says that's really amazing how you can write a book.

Laurie: [06:12](#) Yeah. Do you get your...

Emily: [06:15](#) And I showed her my first book and like just somewhere when school started and now she's and now I'm good in my second book, it's kind of a big thing.

Laurie: [06:28](#) Yeah. Do you get good grades? In writing and reading.

Emily: [06:33](#) Yes I do.

Laurie: [06:35](#) That's not really a surprise is it? Okay. So publishing is a big deal. So how involved are you in the process of putting your book up on Amazon and doing covers?

Emily: [06:49](#) My mom does. My mom does it.

Laurie: [06:50](#) Your mom does it. So do you have input into the cover?

Emily: [06:55](#) Yes. I do.

Laurie: [06:57](#) Do you tell her what you want? Like for this one, did you say I want a girl?

Emily: [07:01](#) Well it's, kinda ...it's for the Fearless, for the Aqua Tales book we shaped it like this. It's kinda like it's shaped like a it's shaped like different little triangles. And each triangle has like kind of a main character. This is Yawn the Fawn. This is Molly. This is Captain Smith, this is Esther and this is Jason. And for the other book, this is what we took a picture of, it's me leaping like and this is the Fearless Fantabulous Five and I kinda and I kind of look like I'm fearless and free. And we did that. And in, in these pictures are like pictures, kind of like people being fearless. And this is what about when I found the baby robin outside my door.

Laurie: [08:09](#) And did that really happen? Yes it did. And then he wrote a story about it. Can you open it and show people the inside since I just have the cover on here? So they can see kind of what it looks like?

Emily: [08:22](#) This is my first story it's called London Escape.

Laurie: [08:27](#) Hold it up just a little bit higher because yeah. So who did the pictures Emily?

Emily: [08:36](#) A different, different illustrator and his name is Raymond and I don't think I could pronounce his last name. But he, he was, he was, he lived in India and he just, he wrote, he just drew the stories through the story pictures and sent it to us and told him what he needed to kinda edit and that. And then he drew the pictures again. The cool thing he did is that I'm in this page, it tells you to find 5 hidden objects and then the five - one is right here. And the, near the phone booth and the rest are on buildings. It's kind of hard to see the umbrella though.

Laurie: [09:38](#) That is really fun. Kids love finding hidden pictures. Don't they?

Emily: [09:41](#) Yes they do.

Laurie: [09:43](#) Do you have something like that on each of the pages for each story?

Emily: [09:47](#) Only for this story. But on (inaudible) Two Trails you can like, you have to have to it tells you to look around and find different animals.

Laurie: [09:58](#) Oh, okay. That's really interesting. Was that your idea or was that your mom's or the illustrators?

Emily: [10:03](#) It was my idea.

Emily: [10:05](#) Oh, cool. Well, good for you. You're full of great ideas.

Laurie: [10:10](#) Yes ma'am. Thank you.

Laurie: [10:11](#) You're welcome. Are you working on a new book right now or is it still?

Emily: [10:16](#) Yes, I am. It's called Dream Buddies. And it's going to be a series. It's about a little girl named Jane and she's going to have and when she's born it's about the lifetime time of Jane and when she's like three or four, he's going to meet a dream cloud

named David and David's going to show her how to believe in your dreams a hundred percent so they can come true for her.

- Laurie: [10:43](#) I love it. I love the messages of your books. I think that the world really needs these, you know, important powerful messages. So good for you. Thank you for doing that. Okay. So let's, so I told you already, I talked to a lot of adults who are nervous or scared. They're not quite fearless like you. What advice would you give another kid, maybe somebody your age or an adult when it comes to actually publishing their stories?
- Emily: [11:14](#) Well, sometimes publishing can get kinda hard and they can take a very long time, but then, but you should never give up on it. 'Cause if you wrote a story and it, and it's about like being fearless, like mine it can really help someone through a hard time. And if you stop with publishing that person will go through. Will have, will have to find a different solution. And it's really. And it's really helpful to just write a story about people about having to do with people's hard lives.
- Laurie: [11:56](#) Okay. Love it. And what have you learned over the process of publishing two books?
- Emily: [12:05](#) Well, I learned know the process that, that when you publish a book there's a lot of people talking to you. So you had to, so you kinda have to think quickly and then speak.
- Laurie: [12:23](#) It's hard, isn't it? It takes practice, that's for sure. It's hard for me too. Okay. And something I ask everybody that I interview is what are you spending the money that you make? And I loved your answer.
- Emily: [12:40](#) I spend it in the bank.
- Laurie: [12:43](#) Yeah, you put it right in the bank. And for what?
- Emily: [12:49](#) Um...
- Laurie: [12:51](#) I'm guessing it was your mom's answer on my question. What would you like to spend your money on? If it was up to you?
- Emily: [13:02](#) If it was ... If it was a mature answer, I think think I would do it for maybe a school. But if it was not a mature answer I would spend it on a horse or a jet pack.
- Laurie: [13:15](#) Well that's pretty cool. I like both those answers. So you'd either, if you were making the mature decision, you'd put it

away for school, which is what your mom wants you to do, I'm sure. Or you'd buy a horse? You like to horseback ride? Have you done that before?

- Emily: [13:30](#) No, I haven't but I've always wanted to.
- Laurie: [13:32](#) But you would like to. Are you in- Do you live in an area with horses?
- Emily: [13:37](#) Yes I do there's a farm near where we live.
- Laurie: [13:42](#) Yep, that does horseback riding and stuff?
- Emily: [13:46](#) I'm not sure if they do horseback riding, but we see it. We see it every day we go to school.
- Laurie: [13:51](#) Oh, okay. Or a jet pack.
- Emily: [13:55](#) Jet pack.
- Laurie: [13:56](#) Because that would be pretty cool.
- Emily: [13:58](#) Yeah anything that has to do with flying. I would do it.
- Laurie: [14:01](#) You like flying, you like going fast, so you'd like to go on a horse and go fast or fly and go fast.
- Emily: [14:08](#) I want to fly or ride a horse.
- Laurie: [14:11](#) Yeah. That's pretty cool. I'm glad that you answered it how you would really like to spend your money. I interviewed somebody a few weeks ago and they have a like a cottage, a cabin, and so she said she wanted to send her money on a toilet for the cottage. I like those really real answers that maybe aren't always the most mature, but I like that you also are saving for college because that's. I mean you're nine?
- Emily: [14:41](#) Yes I am.
- Laurie: [14:41](#) So if you keep writing books, your whole college could be paid for if you saved the money from your books.
- Emily: [14:48](#) Yes.
- Laurie: [14:49](#) Yeah.
- Emily: [14:50](#) Probably.

Laurie: [14:50](#) Not as fun though.

Emily: [14:52](#) Yeah. Probably not as fun.

Laurie: [14:54](#) No. Is there a jet pack in any of your stories?

Emily: [14:59](#) No there isn't.

Laurie: [14:59](#) Maybe coming up? Maybe. Okay. So tell us about the shirts because other authors that are watching always are interested in merchandise.

Emily: [15:11](#) Well my mom, she took these shirts and I didn't know this, but you can take paper and then you can cut it out. Whatever you want the design to be and then you just take the shirt and iron it, but what my mom also learned is that if you want it to be spelled correctly, should check before you iron the shirt. She learned the hard way.

Laurie: [15:36](#) She learned the hard way. Which word was spelled wrong? Fantabulous?

Emily: [15:42](#) Yeah, she spelled it with two N's.

Laurie: [15:43](#) That's a tricky word. Oh, you're funny. I like it. Well, you know, the whole process is about learning and what better way to learn than to make mistakes. Right? Can you tell people watching, do you have a website or how could they find you? Find your books, learn more about you or your books.

Emily: [16:01](#) They can find my book on Amazon or Kindle.

Laurie: [16:04](#) Okay. And do you have a website?

Emily: [16:07](#) Yes, I do.

Laurie: [16:08](#) And what is it?

Emily: [16:12](#) Emily V Bastien.

Laurie: [16:13](#) Emily V. Bastien. Okay. So when I write the show notes, I'm going to include that. Thank you Emily so much for talking to me today.

Emily: [16:21](#) You're welcome.



Laurie: [16:22](#) And thank you to your mom for arranging it and to helping you through this process so much. I think you're a really incredible family.

Emily: [16:31](#) Thank you.

Laurie: [16:32](#) You're welcome. Thank you again. Thank you, Bridgette.

Bridgette: [16:37](#) I wasn't sure if you were finished so...

Laurie: [16:41](#) Well, thank you.

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