

The Little Creative Interview
with Sherry Ellis

Let's Meet...

Sherry Ellis

Sherry Ellis is an award-winning author and professional musician who plays and teaches the violin, viola, and piano. When she is not writing or engaged in musical activities, she can be found doing household chores, hiking, or exploring the world. Ellis lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Sherry Ellis' Bubba and Squirt's Big Dig to China won the Reader's Favorites Silver Medal. Bubba and Squirt's Mayan Adventure is available now.

1) When did you first begin expressing yourself creatively and how?

I think I was born with the creative gene. It manifested itself first through music. I was drawn to instruments even as a small child. There are pictures of me as a three-year old stumming a guitar. Today, I perform music professionally. Writing started when I was about seven. I wrote and illustrated short fantasy and mystery stories. There is one I still have that I show kids when I do school visits.

2) From where do you draw inspiration for your work?

Mostly life. Many of my picture books were inspired by personal experiences. My Bubba and Squirt books are inspired by vacations I took and a desire to teach kids about different countries and cultures.

3) What work are you currently most proud of?

Getting Bubba and Squirt's Big Dig to China traditionally published. It took ten long years and countless revisions to get there, but it has given me a great sense of accomplishment.

4) What advice would you give to others about the creative side of what you do?

Put in the time to develop your skills in whatever creative outlet you pursue. Learn from others and don't be afraid to revise. It is a combination of knowledge, hard work, revision, and persistence that makes one successful.

5) What advice would you give to others about the business side of what you do?

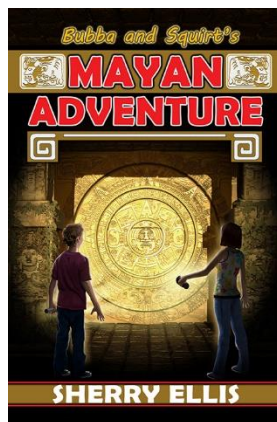
Remember to give back. It is great to market and get the word out about your creations, but you really have to develop relationships with others—and not just because you want something. Be genuinely interested in others and help them along their journey, and you will find they many will end up helping you.

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