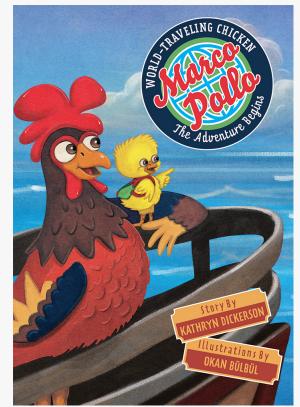


New Book Invites Kids to Journey with 'Marco Pollo, World-Traveling Chicken' as 'The Adventure Begins'

written by Kathryn Dickerson; illustrated by Okan Bülbül; on sale October 22, 2024

RICHMOND, VA, UNITED STATES,
October 21, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -Belle Isle Books of Richmond, Virginia,
is pleased to announce the upcoming
release of a new children's picture
book, 'Marco Pollo, World-Traveling
Chicken: The Adventure Begins,'
written by Kathryn Dickerson and
illustrated by Okan Bülbül.

Even before little Marco Pollo is fully hatched on a farmyard in Venice, he's a baby chick on the move! Running about the farm before he's even free of his shell, he continues following his urges to travel and explore as he grows up—even finding himself nearly stuck in one of Venice's famous canals! Luckily, Marco's kooky uncle Zio is always nearby to rescue him when he strays a little too far from the farm. When one of Marco's escapades accidentally takes him farther than he ever expected, it's up to Zio to



'Marco Pollo, World-Traveling Chicken: The Adventure Begins' by Kathryn Dickerson

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accompany him on his first journey—and to prepare him for many more!

'Marco Pollo' invites child readers and their parents to step outside the coop—and even out of the book itself—to continue the journey, with included interactive QR codes leading to a multipage website that shares not only a variety of educational information about the places, people, and things Marco sees during his travels; but also additional backstory about Marco and his family.



... a wonderful book that will share with children the riches of world exploration, family, and realizing when you need support. Marco's curious nature speaks to the inner child in all of us!"

Hannah Setzer, author of 'Hannah Surprises Everyone (Including Herself!)' A colorfully, comically illustrated book perfect for kids who are about to take their first steps outside the home—and for the world-traveling adventurer in all of us—'Marco Pollo, World-Traveling Chicken: The Adventure Begins' is scheduled for release on October 22, 2024.

'In a world completely fenced in, one young chicken dares to break away from tradition and out of the farmyard to explore the world he knows is just on the other side. Marco's heart aches to spread his wings and go where no chicken has gone before—and one day, Marco gets his chance! However, he quickly discovers he's not ready for the big, bustling world outside the safe nest he's known his

whole life. Luckily, his uncle is there to save him—and to prepare him to fulfill his destiny of becoming Marco Pollo, World-Traveling Chicken!'

'About the Author'

Having studied French and Spanish but never having touched foreign soil, Kathryn Dickerson felt something was missing. She finally felt whole when she moved from the United States to Germany in her twenties. She then traveled to as many places as possible, her heart growing fuller with each adventure.

Later, Kathryn became an educator of literature and world geography, teaching that the world was a wonderful place and that most humans are good and kind and welcoming. Along with her husband, she encouraged their children to explore, and together, they traveled throughout America, some of Europe, the United Kingdom, and Central and South America.

Kathryn is happy when she's on an adventure under the world's big skies, meeting interesting people, learning different languages, eating new foods, and adopting the local customs and etiquette. However, she is most truly fulfilled when she can share these experiences with others.

'About the Illustrator'

Okan Bülbül is a freelance illustrator living in Turkey with his wife and daughter. He has an engineering degree, but left the field in order to pursue his love for art. Now he is happily realizing his childhood dream of drawing pictures for a living. Okan creates illustrations for all age groups, but most enjoys illustrating children's books.

Interviews available upon request.

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