

Looking for a good book?



Above: Authors Kesmine Hickman, 13, and her brother Wilson, 14, play with their dogs, who inspired them to write detective books.
Below left: Shih Tzus Luke, 5, left, Luna, 6, Leo, 4, and Leia, 4, are the stars in two different series of books written by Kesmine and Wilson Hickman.
Below right: Kesmine and Wilson each show off their first published book at their Sierra Vista home on Wednesday.

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Authors Wilson and Kesmine Hickman hope to inspire young readers

SIERRA VISTA — Wilson and Kesmine Hickman have been writing books for years and they are only 13 and 12 years old. Both have just released their first books in new series featuring their precious Shih-Tzu's Luke and Luna, and will be holding their first book signings at Hastings on March 10.

Wilson Hickman's book, "The Adventures of Detective Luke: Neighborhood Nuisance," is based on Hickman's own Shih-Tzu and is a furry and lovable dog who just happens to be the best detective around. He and his two sons, Leo and Baron, live in a quiet neighborhood, and never expect anything exciting or mysterious to happen to them or those around them.

"I've always enjoyed reading and writing creative stories," said Hickman. "I hope that other children enjoy 'The Adventures of Detective Luke' as much as I liked writing it."

BOOK SIGNING:

Hastings
March 10
From noon to 3 p.m.

With the books elements of mystery and humor, Hickman believes that young readers will love the adventures of Luke. He is hopeful that his book, the first in a series, will interest children of all ages in reading and writing books of their own.

Kesmine Hickman's book "Luna: Puppy Detective #1: Catnapped!" begins a mystery series revolving around her black and white Shih Tzu, Luna Bella. In this adventure, Hickman's puppy has quite the snotty attitude and a keen knack for solving mysteries.

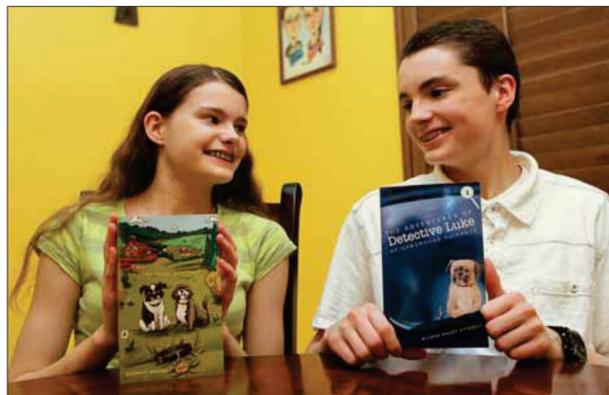
In the book, Luna Bella, like most dogs, never thought highly of cats. She definitely never imagined herself being friends with one until Creeper, a gray kitten with a charming personality, shows up. When a visit with Luna's half-sister at her cabin in the woods turns for the worse, Creeper ends up missing, but have no fear Luna is on the case. With its suspense, action and dra-

Book websites:

"The Adventures of Detective Luke: Neighborhood Nuisance" <https://www.create-space.com/3595548>
"Luna: Puppy Detective #1: Catnapped!" <https://www.create-space.com/3634877>

Amazon ISBN numbers:

"The Adventures of Detective Luke: Neighborhood Nuisance" ISBN: 1463504071
"Luna: Puppy Detective #1: Catnapped!" ISBN: 1463640943



ma, Hickman believes "Luna: Puppy Detective" has something for every one of her readers. Hickman hopes that her fun-loving and courageous pups cause young readers to "laugh uncontrollably" and follow their adventures in her future books.

Both books have been published by Create Space, a self-publishing company that allows writers to edit and create their books the way they want to create them.

In Wilson and Kesmine's case, they both wrote, edited and provided artwork for their books. "We were really happy with the experience and how the books came out. We had freedom to write the books how we wanted," said Wilson. Create Space was founded by authors so they know what the experience of getting books published is like.

Kesmine and Wilson work together to think of ideas for books, but each story is unique and their own. "We discuss ideas for books. I just need a title and can create a story out of

that," said Wilson. "We write completely different but we collaborate for ideas," said Kesmine.

Wilson and Kesmine have previously written books before the new series. "Storm" was Wilson's first book and "Kathy Carts Mystery Series" was Kesmine's first book. Both are available on Amazon and at Hastings.

Wilson and Kesmine have already begun expanding their new series. Both have written the second and third installments of the series and are working on the fourth. These books will be coming out at a much later date.

Wilson and Kesmine hope to inspire young readers to write and create their own stories.

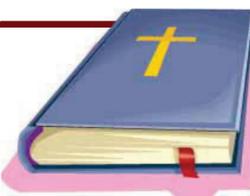
The captivating stories of the brother and sister's Shih-Tzus are sure to entertain young readers and adults alike. So the next time you are looking to read a good book check out one of these two young Sierra Vistans works.



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