

Barbara Techel Bio

Barbara is the author of the multi-award winning *Frankie, the Walk 'N Roll Dog* book series. When her dachshund, Frankie, suffered a spinal injury, Barbara had her custom-fitted for a wheelchair. Frankie persevered, and Barbara realized the beautiful opportunity she had to share Frankie and give others hope and inspiration to be the best they can be. Along with sharing Frankie's story with children at local schools and via Skype to classroom across the US and Canada, Barbara and Frankie routinely volunteer as a therapy dog team at a local hospital, senior assisted facility, and hospice community, spreading joy wherever they go.

Barbara and Frankie's story featured in *Dogs and the Women Who Love Them: Extraordinary True Stories of Love, Healing, and Inspiration* published by New World Library. This book was recommended by Oprah's O Magazine in November 2010. Their story has also appeared in *Every Dog Has a Gift* by Rachel McPherson, published by Tarcher/Penguin, *Woman's World*, *The American Dog*, and *Dog Living* magazine. Barbara's series have won many awards including awards from USA Book News, Indie Excellence, and Dog Writer's of America.

Barbara is active as author, publisher, educator, speaker, and volunteer promoting the message that all disabled animals can live quality lives if given a chance.

Barbara is a member of Midwest Independent Publishers Association, Independent Book Publishers Association, Dog Writer's Association of America and Wisconsin Regional Writer's Association.