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I am proud to introduce you to the world of Pidge, a lovable new character I recently introduced in my first book, *Where is Pidge?* Kirkus Reviews recently praised *Where is Pidge?* as "A funny story, a reassuring message, and a clever, creative design; highly recommended."

In *Where is Pidge?* you'll meet Pidge Hoobler, a spunky middle-child who finds herself STUCK in a very odd place and ultimately back into the arms of her loving family.

While my book is a work of fiction, those close to my family will recognize many truths. The book is a tribute to my mom, Marianne Hoobler Staubach, the real "Pidge." My grandfather called my mom his little "Pigeon," and thereafter she became known as "Pidge." As you flip through the pages, you will meet Maverick, a Bernese mountain dog, find a #12 football jersey, a laundry chute and various other items that are pulled from my life. I'm excited to share my family with yours, through my love of storytelling and literacy.

During the writing process, I knew I wanted Pidge to represent more than one character in one book. Pidge reminds us of the importance of affirming children in our lives and the value of expressing gratitude. Pidge is also a messenger for literacy through her love of reading. As I read my book to school children, I show them through Pidge's story how reading enhances our lives, gives us knowledge and makes us better people. I was thrilled when Pat Conroy called my book "a book for the ages." Pat continued, "I know of no American writer who didn't fall in love with language by hearing children's books read to us by our parents. Michelle's book is charming, funny, and delightful. It is so full of family love that you'll want to buy it for every child you know. It has the look, feel, and smell of a classic about it. You've got to buy *Where is Pidge?* for the child in your life."

Where is Pidge? has enjoyed great success so far – over 5,000 books sold to date and distribution in retail stores, independent book stores, one of the nation's largest grocery chains, online on amazon.com, and most recently for sale to our military families on bases.

I believe one of the best gifts to give is a book. I hope you enjoy the story of Pidge and share her with the children in your life.

Best,

Michelle Staubach Grimes

Pidge is on the move...



Barnes & Noble



Military Bases



Grocery Stores



Amazon



Schools



News Stations
Across the Country



Radio



Boutique
Bookstores



Community Events



Hometown News



Pidge at Home



Pidge in Print

Promote literacy with a #PidgePromise

Pidge isn't just a character – she's a vehicle for literacy. Join us in making **#PidgePromises** on social media. We're making reading cool! Tag us @whereispidge so we can share yours!

I **#PidgePromise** to read an extra book each night to my kids.

I **#PidgePromise** to take my niece to the library once a month.

I **#PidgePromise** to put down my phone and pick up a book weekly.



Hi Pidge!
My #PidgePromise is
to Read the funnies
EVERY night!