

EPISODE **124**

On Being a Mom AND a Writer

Guest: Camille Andros

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Meet Camille Andros



Camille Andros is the author of *The Dress* and *The Girl and Charlotte the Scientist is Squished*.

She's also a traveler (she always carries a small black notebook on her travels to record the stories she imagines), and the mother of 6 kids.

She said she recalls feeling completely secure while reading with her parents and loves recreating that feeling snuggled in by the fire with her own children.

In This Episode

Camille and Sarah are talking about balancing motherhood and writing and the art of telling stories through picture books. Camille also shares the serendipitous story of meeting extended family in Greece, and how that experience helped shape one of her picture books.



The Listening Guide

Use this guide to skip to parts that most interest you, or listen to the entire podcast.

- 00:55 Join me at a GHC this year
- 2:34 Identifying 'good' books
- 5:23 Meet Camille!
- 7:06 Balancing writing and motherhood
- 10:45 A love of books is born
- 13:50 Books Camille remembers
- 16:05 Camille's writing process
- 20:20 The Dress and the Girl
- 24:00 What impacts writing
- 27:32 Let the Kids Speak

“I wanted to write the kind of nonfiction book that I wanted to read.” - Camille Andros



Quotes and Question

* Just a few words ...

"It's sort of deceptive how difficult that must be to pull off a story in so few words and to do it really, really well, which you've done with both of yours."

* One of the origins of *The Dress and the Girl* ...

"Where has that dress been and what would it tell us if it could talk? So that was the first little seed of the story and like, 'I want to tell a story about a dress.'"

* Creative fodder ...

"I think it's just any new experience, right? It can just be going on a hike somewhere that you haven't been before or any new experience I think fuels my creativity at least. I think that as you do and see new things, that's always great creative fodder."



Show Notes

Books from today's episode:

- [The Read-Aloud Family](#)
- [Charlotte The Scientist is Squished](#)
- [The Dress and the Girl](#)
- [Angelina Ballerina](#)
- [The Little House](#)
- [The Bumper Book](#)
- [The Great Brain](#)
- [The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street](#)
- [The Grandfather's Coat](#)

Other links from today's show:

- [Great Homeschool Conventions](#)

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