

# Jonathan Miller

At the age of 28, Jonathan Miller joined the ranks and established himself as a published children's book author and illustrator with his first book in a new series titled *The Adventures of Sammy the Wonder Daschund: Sammy's Last Week in Charleston*.

Miller's distinct style comes from his use of construction paper in his designed illustrations. After attending summer art programs at Winthrop University in grade school, Miller first started creating with construction paper when he used it to make a girlfriend a birthday card at age of 22. The card received such a positive reaction that he soon started making cards in this style for all the people in his life for any occasion. As it happened, it was a construction paper turkey that made his life take a fortuitous turn. After a friend's family took him in for Thanksgiving one year and he thanked them with one of his custom card creations, they implored him to share his talents with the world. With his best friend's voice in the back of his head, who always urged him to illustrate children's books, he came up with Sammy, and the rest is history.

*The Adventures of Sammy the Wonder Dachshund* is a series of books based on a lovable dog who is a fact checker for an internet company. In *Sammy's Last Week in Charleston*, Sammy finds out his job is relocating him and he has one week to say his goodbyes and do everything he's always wanted to do in Charleston. The book is a love letter to the city Charleston, advocates the importance of friendship and memories, and leaves us anxiously anticipating Sammy's next adventure.

With the release of *Sammy on Safari*, the second book in the series, readers discover that Sammy has little time to adjust to his cubicle before being dispatched to Africa on assignment. Charged with dispelling an internet rumor that claims Africa is overrun with kangaroos, Sammy befriends a variety of animals during his quest for the truth, including elephants, a zebra, a leopard, a gazelle, hyenas, a crocodile, a hippopotamus, a herd of giraffes, a rhinoceros, monkeys, and a lion. It's a wild ride for the little dog from the Lowcountry!

For the more than 30,000 school children who heard author Jonathan Miller read *Sammy's Last Week in Charleston* during the 2008-09 school year, the new book teaches the importance of kindness and ignites a curiosity of the greater world. Miller's classroom appearances also encourage students to create their own imaginative stories.

Miller is from Clover, SC, and has a degree in business from College of Charleston. He currently resides in Charleston, S.C. and enjoys running, movies, and of course, playing with construction paper.