

MY GUIDE DOG AND ME SERIES

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The extraordinary adventures of children with a disability and their service dogs.

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Victor is a huge soccer fan, an excellent player, who mourns the loss of his dream of becoming a professional player when, at age 8, he loses his sight.

Maëva's legs have been paralyzed from birth, but she's about to achieve her greatest dream: surfing in San Diego, California.

Henri is a very shy and reserved child who only feels OK when he can get away by himself to pursue his passion: photography. Henri is autistic and can't speak in public.

These three children, all of them equally courageous, do not face the daily problems caused by their conditions on their own: they can count on their faithful companions, guide dogs Balboa, Gallix and Kalluk.

Written with gentleness and humour, these three adorable stories describe the extraordinary daily work done by guide dogs. Patient, loyal, and devoted, these four-footed heroes live to help their friends accomplish their dreams, thanks to a relationship based on the most beautiful of friendships: that of a master and his dog.

STRONG POINTS

- The author worked with an organization specialized in raising and training guide dogs.
- The characters are models of determination and resilience, sources of inspiration for readers.
- An excellent way to help children understand what guide dogs do.
- The subject is handled with humour and tact.

Subjects: guide dogs, disability, resilience, being different, kindness, friendship, animal love

Isha Bottin was born in Montreal in 1980. She holds a degree in communications, grew up in the midst of several cultures and is passionate about art, as well as the world of childhood and dreams.

Pierre Brassard has had a career in radio, on TV and on the stage, as a host, actor and comedian. He never lost sight of his passion for drawing, and for several years he has been an illustrator for various media and publishing houses.