

ATLAS

The Trucker Dog



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Kids Love the Dogs, Truckers Love the Details

Tallahassee, Florida – Two veterans with an empty nest discovered long-term nesting isn't their style. They hit the road, one earning his commercial driver's license and the other vlogging their travels. A year into the adventure, a boxer-lab pup joined them.

Atlas the Trucker Dog is the story of a dog learning what it means to be on duty with an over-the-road trucker. The 42-page, beautifully illustrated children's book begins at a rest area on I-10 in Florida. On the way to pick up a load in Dodge City, Kan., Atlas meets a trucker and a trucker dog, explores a truck stop, watches a trailer wash out and experiences his first tractor to trailer hook-up.

"I drove the illustrator crazy with the details, but I wrote this book as much for truckers as I did for children," author Mary Paramore said. "We identify the roads we travel, the vistas we see, the details of the truck and tractor, of the shipper and the town that supports the shipper. I hope truckers will read the book with their children and explain the details we've worked to include to facilitate such discussions."

Mary Paramore holds a Master of Arts in Technical Communication and has held many jobs while following her husband's career. The one that most informs the book was her 3.5 years operating an Army Family Child Care Home when he was stationed at Ft. Irwin, Calif. While raising the couple's three young sons, she earned Military Home Accreditation while welcoming more than 40 families and 100 children into their home.

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