

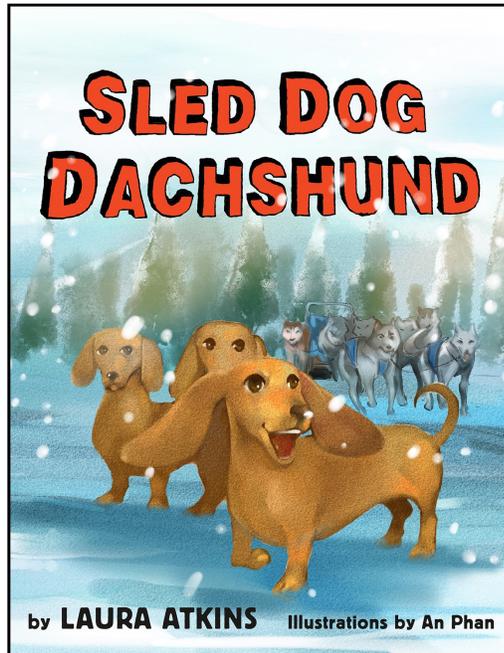
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Traitor Dachshund publishes first book from veteran children's editor Laura Atkins

SLED DOG DACHSHUND

by Laura Atkins; illustrated by An Phan



In her picture book debut, Laura Atkins introduces readers to Jasper, a dauntless dachshund determined to help a team of big dogs win the world's biggest sled race.

"A dachshund could never win a big race like this," his big brother interrupted. "It takes around nine days. Only big dogs can last that long."

But Jasper is undeterred, despite the fact that he's too small for every position. Hopping aboard the sled he uses his big spirit, and his big bark, to get his team over the finish line.

This fall, dog lovers of every size will root for Jasper and celebrate the creativity and confidence that help him lead his team to victory.

Laura Atkins is a writer, teacher, and independent children's book editor with more than two decades of editorial experience. In her (literally!) storied career, Laura has worked with various book publishers, helping to produce winners of the Coretta Scott King Award and ALA Notable Book selections, among others. She holds an MA in Children's Literature from Roehampton University in London and an MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts. Laura lives in Berkeley, California. *Sled Dog Dachshund* is her first book. Learn more at www.lauraatkins.com.

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