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Welcome to Black Rabbit Books' Author Spotlight! This month, we're sharing an interview with Barbara Lowell. Barbara is the author of select titles from Bolt series Epic Motorcycles, Federal Protectors, Wild Wheels, Player Profiles, and The Amazing Human Body. We've enjoyed working with her and are thrilled for you to learn more about Barbara in this interview.

Q: What inspires you to write books for kids?

A: It is exciting to know that kids enjoy the books I write. I feel a connection to them. I love learning new things and sharing what I learn with kids.

Q: Why does reading excite you?

A: I am always excited to learn new things. I find reading the best way to do that. Many of my ideas for books come from the nonfiction books I read. I especially enjoy reading biographies.

Q: What's been your favorite part about working with Black Rabbit Books?

A: I love seeing the finished books. The team at Black Rabbit Books produce engaging books for reluctant readers. I enjoy working with the editor to make each book the best it can be. I also like seeing the books translated into Spanish and some into French.

Q: What does your writing process look like?

A: My writing process for Black Rabbit Books begins with research. I then come up with ideas for the infographics, sidebars, fun facts, and back matter. I write the chapters, do more research as needed, and revise and polish.

Q: Do you have any advice for kids who say they don't like to read?

A: Find books that focus on your favorite interests. These could be sports, cars, technology, adventure, and more. Reading about what interests you makes reading fun.

Q: What are the biggest challenges about a career in writing children's books?

A: The biggest challenge is working alone. That is why belonging to writers' groups is so important. We support each other. There is a lot of rejection in this business. I work hard on the manuscripts I write. I submit them to publishers knowing that they may say no to

turning the manuscript into a book. But I don't give up. I keep writing and submitting. I'm proud of the work I do.

Q: When you're not writing, what are your favorite things to do?

A: I read a lot of nonfiction books, especially history related. I am reading a new biography about Jim Thorpe, the athlete who grew up in Oklahoma where I live. I enjoy exercising. I work on strength training and cardio five days a week and walk two to three miles a day. I also like boating, swimming, and traveling.

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