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CALL FOR ART: Children's book on Burrowing Owls, by Balinda Fortman

Balinda Fortman lives in Phoenix, Arizona. By day, she is an Analytics Portfolio Manager and University Professor. During her free time, she volunteers at the Phoenix Zoo and Liberty Wildlife Rehabilitation Center where she cares for raptors, rescues wildlife, and does educational programs for the public. As a Certified Professional Bird Trainer (CPBT-KA), she is the Keeper/Trainer for the Special Performances Department. Balinda founded LandOnSky Publishing in honor of her late son with the purpose of educating children about wildlife and raising money for wildlife education and conservation. She is pictured here with Etta, a Swainson's Hawk.



Balinda is writing a book on Burrowing Owls to benefit Audubon, and needs your help!

List of pictures needed for the new Burrowing Owl children's book:

1. Burrowing Owl in a desert setting
2. Burrowing Owl catching a bug
3. 3-4 Burrowing Owls in a desert setting
4. Burrowing Owl in a burrow
5. Burrowing Owl dropping dung near a hole in the ground (in the desert)
6. Fox or coyote standing near a hole in the ground (with dung around the hole)
7. Hole in the ground in the desert with dung around it and a couple of beetles
8. Burrowing Owl and prairie dog in the desert
9. Prairie dog standing up looking for predators in the desert
10. Hawk flying in the desert
11. Burrowing Owl doing a bark call in the desert
12. Burrowing Owl doing a bark call in the desert while other Burrowing Owls are running toward a hole in the ground
13. Burrowing Owl in the desert with a yellow bulldozer in the background
14. Burrowing Owl hiding behind a rock looking at a nearby yellow bulldozer in the desert
15. Burrowing Owls underground with a yellow bulldozer near the hole
16. Burrowing Owls underground with people talking outside of their burrow
17. Mouse in the desert near a burrow with people talking nearby
18. Trap with a Burrowing Owl in it near a burrow
19. Several traps with Burrowing Owls in them in a desert setting
20. Human carrying a trap (cage) with a Burrowing Owl in it
21. Desert setting with several holes for burrows
22. Several Burrowing Owls and prairie dogs playing in the desert
23. Burrowing Owl napping in a burrow
24. A person walking a dog on a leash



Balinda's book, *I Got BARFED on by a Turkey Vulture*

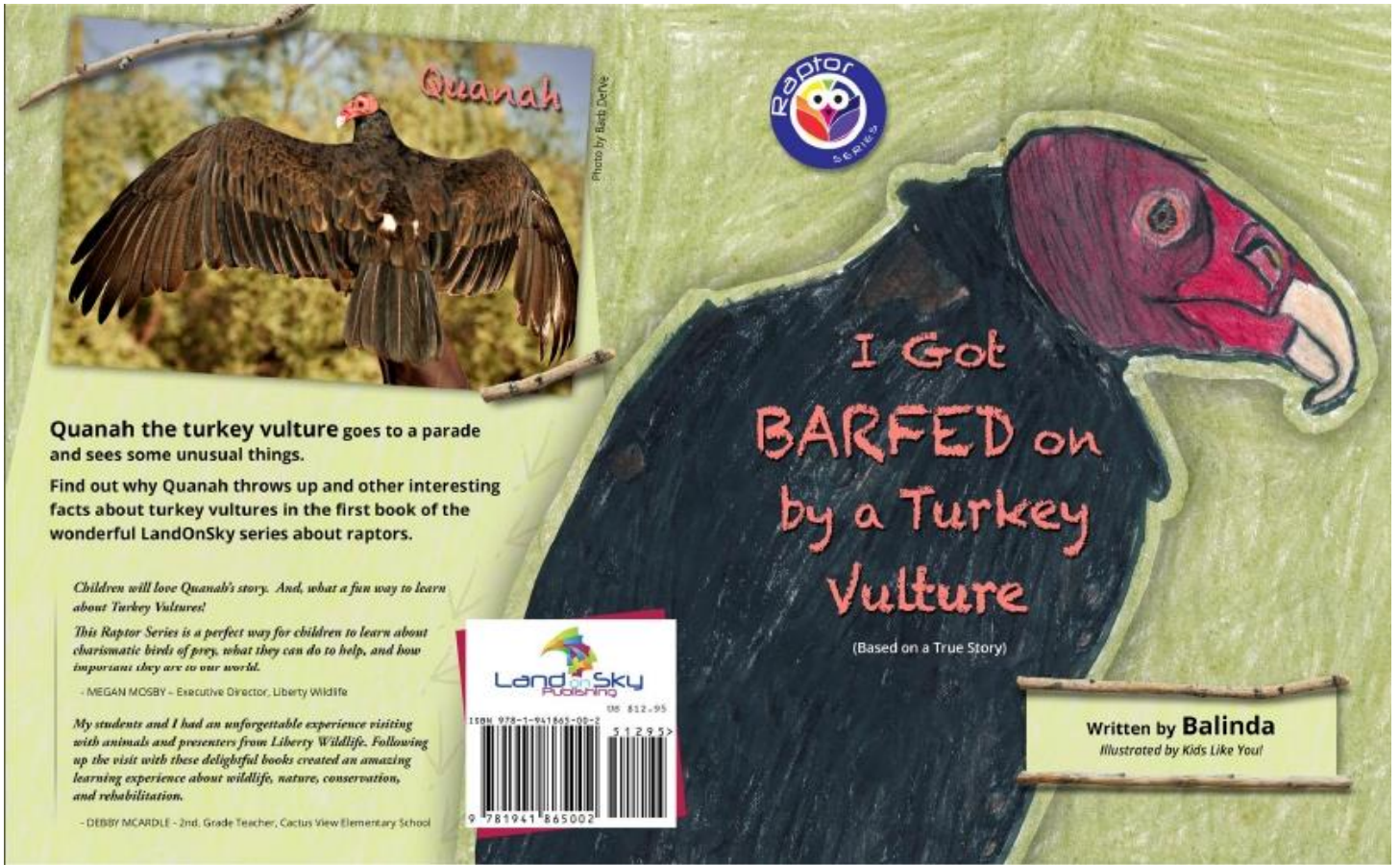


Photo by Barb DeVe

Quannah the turkey vulture goes to a parade and sees some unusual things.
Find out why Quannah throws up and other interesting facts about turkey vultures in the first book of the wonderful LandOnSky series about raptors.

Children will love Quannah's story. And, what a fun way to learn about Turkey Vultures!
This Raptor Series is a perfect way for children to learn about charismatic birds of prey, what they can do to help, and how important they are to our world.
- MEGAN MOSBY - Executive Director, Liberty Wildlife

My students and I had an unforgettable experience visiting with animals and presenters from Liberty Wildlife. Following up the visit with these delightful books created an amazing learning experience about wildlife, nature, conservation, and rehabilitation.
- DEBBY MCARDLE - 2nd, Grade Teacher, Cactus View Elementary School

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