

Estill native publishes children's book

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Estill County native Alicia King Broaddus has branched out from her career in graphic design, technical illustrating and technical writing to follow her passion.

Her first children's book, *Penny Pig Takes a Bath*, tells the charming story of a pig who loved to wallow in the mud with her buddies.

The seeds for Alicia's first children's book were planted in her childhood. It was then that she learned to love a good book, and it was then that she also learned to appreciate pigs, because she lived between two farms that raised them.

The book began as a bubble-bath story-time ritual with her grandkids after they would come in from a day of playing outside.

Alicia told the story over and over, as well as several others. She eventually put *Penny Pig* to paper and decided to make it available outside the circle of her own family.

Over the course of the last six years, she spent her spare time working on the colorful illustrations that would go into the book.



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Alicia King Broaddus has published her first children's book.

"I've used a variety of styles and mediums for my illustrations, from pastels, watercolor, acrylics, and ink, to computer graphics. Sometimes I combine them," Alicia wrote on her website. "I've even discovered the joys of drawing on my tablet, although I still relish the opportunity for hands-on art."

Alicia has a background in sales, marketing, and web design, so the entire publishing process was a natural leap for her. She decided to become her own publishing company,

which she named Heart One.

Penny Pink was released in December of 2016, and has already been sold in 14 states, Washington, DC, and Guyana, South America.

"It's on my radar to find other means of making it available," said Alicia, who is in the process of reaching out to bookstores. She also enjoys readings and signings and working with parent and church groups.

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