

Put down the iPad and spin the globe

Author encourages kids to trade smartphones for travel and adventure

FORT WORTH, Tx. – Any dad knows the challenge of trying to come up with new bedtime stories for his children. After exhausting every variation of bunny, frog, knight and princess stories he could come up with, Edward Moldenhauer took notice of the globe on a dresser. He got the idea of asking his kids to help him with a story topic by spinning the globe.

Edward's children would use their finger to stop the globe, and wherever their finger landed, their dad had to tell them an impromptu story about that particular country or area. And that's how the *Frederick von Wigglebottom* book series was born.

Spin the Globe: The Incredible Adventures of Frederick von Wigglebottom is book series where Frederick is transported to a new and exciting country to explore in each edition. The first story of the series and takes place in Australia, the second one takes readers to Norway.

"My goal is to instill in young children the desire to learn and experience the many wonders of our world," says Moldenhauer. "Unfortunately, many children and adults will never be able realize or visit these locations in person, so this book can open their minds to new and exciting topics."

Frederick is an avatar of Edward's son and serves as the focus for questions and interactions with the other two supportive characters.

"I created Frederick and his adventures not only to entertain children but also to serve as an opportunity to broaden their horizons and be the catalyst for the child to ask follow-on questions to the reader to want to learn even more," Moldenhauer says. "Education is a wonderful thing, once you have it, no one can take it away from you."

Spin the Globe is a Trafford "Gold" book and received a "Recommended" certification by the US Review of Books.

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