



# Sharon M. Draper

is the acclaimed author of the Sassy series. She is also the author of many books for teens, including the *New York Times* bestsellers *Copper Sun*, the 2007 Coretta Scott King Award winner, and *We Beat the Street*. She also wrote *Forged by Fire*, the 1998 Coretta Scott King Award winner, as well as *Tears of a Tiger*, winner of the CSK/John Steptoe New Talent Award, and *The Battle of Jericho* and *November Blues*, both Coretta Scott King Honor Books.

Ms. Draper explains how she came to write the Sassy series. “Several years ago I met a little girl, an avid reader, who was about eight or nine years old,” she says. “Something was missing in the books available to her. She wasted no time in telling me, ‘You need to write some books for girls like me!’ Sassy was born that day. I wanted to create a little girl with both spunk and sparkle, a child with grace and glitter. Sassy and her seemingly bottomless sack are ready to greet the world with power and pizzazz!”

Ms. Draper is also a professional educator. She has been honored as the National Teacher of the Year and was selected as Ohio’s Outstanding High School Language Arts Educator and Ohio Teacher of the Year. She holds three honorary doctorates.

She has been honored at the White House six times and was chosen as one of only four authors in the nation to speak at the Library of Congress National Book Festival Gala in Washington, D.C., and to represent the United States in Moscow at their Russian Book Festival.

Ms. Draper is an accomplished public speaker who addresses educational and literary groups of all ages. She lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, with her husband and a golden retriever named Honey. Visit Sharon at [www.sharondraper.com](http://www.sharondraper.com)

Sharon M. Draper delivers a fresh, funny series starring oh-so-fabulous Sassy!

# Sassy

Each: Ages 7–10



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## #1: Little Sister Is NOT My Name!

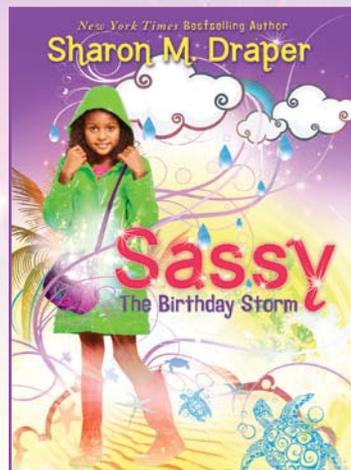
It's not easy being nine—especially when you're Sassy Simone Sanford. Especially when you've been named for sticking out your tongue on the day you were born. Especially when everyone in the family calls you Little Sister.

### Parents' Choice Recommendation

"Full of strong, believable characters. Draper is at her best when describing people."  
—*School Library Journal*

"Young grade-schoolers will eagerly wait for more about resourceful, 'sparky' Sassy and her search for herself."  
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## #2: The Birthday Storm

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"Told in Sassy's first-person, present tense voice, the mix of family love and friction and the elemental nature facts will grab even newcomers to the series."  
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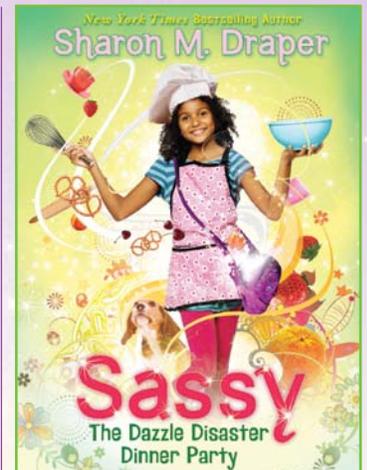


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Sassy's school is doing a musical performance that is going to be televised, and Sassy wants to sing with the choir. However, it's no secret that Sassy can't sing. But she has also been hiding a big secret . . . for the past year she has been taking piccolo lessons, and she's quite good at it.

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To complete a school assignment, Sassy learns about cooking and decides to host a fabulous dinner party. But almost as soon as Sassy gets this dazzling idea, things start to go disastrously downhill. Will this party flop or rise? Only a taste test by the dinner party guests can tell for sure.

Readers will enjoy food, fun, family, and friends and will learn to make yummy stuff like fruit pizza, Sassy Sandwiches, an edible fishbowl, and other goodies.

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