

The
Strange and Wonderful
Adventures
of
Lovey



Pam Chambers

The Strange and Wonderful Adventures of Lovey

Pam Chambers

ISBN: 9798600503816

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, distributed, or transmitted in any form or by any means without the prior written permission of the publisher, except in the case of brief quotations embodied in critical reviews and certain other non-commercial uses permitted by copyright law. For permission requests, e-mail the author at the address below.

Pam Chambers
Honolulu, HI 96813
pamchambers.com
speakout@pamchambers.com

All interior photos by Pam Chambers
Back cover photo by Tim Toomey
Book and cover design, production, by Angela Treat Lyon

Printed in the United States

About Pam Chambers (Auntie Pam)

Pam Chambers is a mother, grandmother, photographer, public speaking coach, author, and Lovey's Auntie Pam.

And, part of her is still a child, just like you!

That's why, when she first set eyes on this special little bird in the Goodwill store, she instantly fell in love with him. Everyone else does too!

Join Auntie Pam as she shares Lovey's adventures and mishaps, which are all part of being a lively and curious youngster who is maybe a lot like you!

Auntie Pam asked me to say a few words . . .

Excuse my chirping. English is a hard language to learn!

I remember waking up on a shelf in a big store, on a shelf with pots and pans and dishes all around me. I was dusty and tired and hungry.



A lady wearing a sunhat lifted me up and spoke kindly to me. She was smiling. She carried me downstairs and gave a man three pieces of green paper.

She put me in a small red bag in a bigger bag. It was dark in there, but I felt safe because the lady kept talking to me.

You will see what happens next when you look at this book. I am a lucky Lovey and I'm glad Auntie Pam found me!

The Strange and
Wonderful
Adventures of
Lovey

Stories and photos by

Pam Chambers

The Gratitude Circle

Auntie Pam doesn't know much about Lovey's childhood.

She found him on a crowded shelf behind some household goods at the Goodwill store.

He was dusty and dirty, but there was something brave and optimistic about him. He won her heart and she brought him home.

She gave him a bath and fed him oatmeal, raisins, and milk. She introduced him to her collection of tiny birds, ducks, a frog, and a bunny.

When Auntie Pam came home later that day, she saw Lovey and his new friends gathered in a Gratitude Circle, taking turns speaking about their good fortune.



Lovey and Trunk Bird

Auntie Pam bought an old metal Army trunk at Goodwill. She painted it green with gold trim, and on the cover she affixed an image of a magnificent finch—one that Lovey resembles.

One day Auntie Pam heard Lovey chirp a question to Trunk Bird.

“Are you my Grandpa?” Trunk Bird was silent. Lovey asked again. Trunk Bird was silent. Trunk Bird could no longer chirp.

Auntie Pam held Lovey in her hands and said, “I wish I could help you learn where you came from. Sometimes it has to remain a mystery.”



Lovey Finds Beauty

One morning Auntie Pam and Lovey were walking on Quinn Lane on their way to the Goodwill store. It had rained earlier, and there were many puddles.

Lovey knows that Auntie Pam likes to take photos of puddles. He spied something unusual: "Auntie Pam, is this a puddle?"

He was standing in the middle of a magical combination: Oil + water + sunshine = a rainbow!

Auntie Pam said, "Stay right there!" and she snapped this photo. Everyone who saw it agreed that it was a special photo indeed.

Look up, look down. Beauty is all around.



Lovey Feels Shy

Auntie Pam told her friends about Lovey. One of her friends had a bird named Simon.

One day Simon came to visit Lovey and knocked on the door of Lovey's house. Lovey, who was behind the house, took a peek at Simon and instantly felt shy. Simon was bright, shiny, and outgoing.

Lovey hid. But Simon kept knocking on the door, and Auntie Pam called for Lovey to greet his guest.

Simon was friendly and charming and won Lovey's trust. They became good friends.

Have you ever felt shy? Have you ever wanted to hide?



Lovey Swings Among the Leaves

As Lovey gained more confidence, he longed to explore the outdoors. Auntie Pam had a lanai filled with trees and plants, and Lovey couldn't wait to be in the fresh air and sunshine.

Auntie Pam found a teapot at Goodwill that seemed the perfect size for Lovey. She took it home, gave it a good scrub, and hung it in one of her trees.

She helped Lovey hop into the teapot, and it was the perfect fit!

Here you see him swinging among the leaves, safe and secure.

Can you imagine swinging in a tree, nestled in a teapot just right for you?



Lovey Plays Hide-and-Seek

"Lovey!" Auntie Pam called. "Where are you?"

Lovey snuggled deeper into the paintbrushes, playing hide-and-seek. But Auntie Pam didn't know he was playing a game. Had he gone onto the lanai while she wasn't looking? What if one of those wild parrots had swooped down and snatched him up?

Lovey giggled. "I wonder how long it will take for her to find me."

But when he heard the worry in her voice, he chirped, "Auntie, I'm here! Hiding in the paintbrushes!"

"Oh, Lovey, you must tell me when you play hide-and-seek!" she said, giving him a gentle shake.



Lovey Tries to Hatch an Egg

Lovey must have been watching nature shows while Auntie Pam was away, because one day she came home to find him sitting on a wooden egg.

“Lovey, what are you doing?” asked Auntie Pam.

“I’m trying to hatch this egg, the way other birds do. But I keep sliding off!”

Auntie Pam said, “Oh, Lovey! This egg is too big for you. And it’s wooden. There is no baby chick inside. If you put your mind to it, I’m sure you’ll find another way to be useful.”

Turn the page to see what Lovey did.



Lovey Gets a Bigger House

Do you remember the birdhouse that Lovey hid behind when he was shy about meeting Simon?

Lovey's friends are Simon, Holly, Red Girl, and Royal.

They couldn't all fit into that small house, so Lovey asked Auntie Pam if they could go to Goodwill to find a bigger one.

They found one! Auntie Pam painted it, using everyone's favorite colors.

They like taking turns sitting on the perch, but they can't enter using the round window in the door. It's too small!

Can you imagine how they get in and out of the house?



Courageous! That's Lovey!



Pam Chambers: Author & Photographer

Everyone who meets the little bird Lovey is charmed by his curiosity, optimism, and loving nature. Join Auntie Pam as she shares Lovey's strange and wonderful adventures in the strange and wonderful world around us!

"I need Lovey in my life! What joy it gives me to see his charming attributes!"

~ *Tina Stephenson*

"He may look like a little bird, but he is much, much more. Lovey is hope. Lovey is curiosity. Lovey is joy. Lovey is optimism. Lovey is most of all a friend."

~ *Sandi Grundmanis*

"I met Lovey on Facebook and have been following his adventures ever since. He's quite a character and gets into some sticky situations. He has a fun and unique personality and is becoming a mini-celebrity on social media. I hope to meet him in person soon. Please read this book. It's not just for the birds."

~ *Lance Luke*

"Pam takes her delightful imagination to another level and brings Lovey & friends to life for people who are trapped in reality."

~ *Ron Martin*

