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Mialie T. Szymanski is a contributing writer for *The Weekly Villager* in Garrettsville, Ohio. She is the author and illustrator of the bi-weekly children's story time column "Puppy Tails," starring Doodle Dog, a floppy-eared puppy who has an optimistic perspective of the world around him.

Her debut picture book "Doodle Dog Enjoys the Day" was released in September 2011 and chronicles a day in the life of this "paws"itive pup. The upcoming read-aloud anthology "Puppy Tails: Adventures of Doodle Dog" is a collection of the columns and illustrations as seen in *The Weekly Villager* over the last year.

Mialie earned her master's degree from Hollins University where she specialized in children's literature, middle-grade fairy tales, and young adult fantasy.

When she's not serving as scribe for a curious floppy-eared puppy, Mialie participates in local art events as a medieval storyteller, relaxes with one of many crafty hobbies, and chases dragons with her cat ~ and any other friendly creature that wants to come along.

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