

## About the Series

There's only one thing that Freddie loves as much as football: sightseeing! Every time she and her trusty companion Fumble the Dog visit a new city, they set out to learn all about the location and its history before cheering on the home team!

### Gameday in Pittsburgh

It's gameday in Pittsburgh! Football Freddie and Fumble are on their way to Heinz Field to cheer for the Steelers. But first, they'll stop at Kennywood, the Duquesne Incline, and other historic locations to learn everything they can about the Steel City. Come along and cheer with Freddie and Fumble for Pittsburgh!



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An illustration of a young girl with long brown hair, wearing a white cheerleader outfit with a yellow number '1' and a black skirt. She is holding a brown football bag. A small brown dog, Fumble, is sitting next to her. The background shows a stadium and a cityscape.

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*Dedicated to Steelers  
fans everywhere.*

**HERE WE GO!**



Hi! My name's Freddie, and this is my trusty companion Fumble. We're on our way to the football stadium in Pittsburgh to see the Steelers play! Or as they're called here in the 'Burgh, the "Stillers."

Our friend Hugh is meeting up with us here at **Point State Park**, which is where the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers come together to form the Ohio River! The fountain behind us marks where the two rivers come together.

Hugh has autism. Autism can mean a couple of different things, but for Hugh, it means he sometimes has trouble communicating what he wants to say. But when it comes to Pittsburgh, no one knows more than he does!



*Lewis and Clark first met up in Pittsburgh before heading west.*



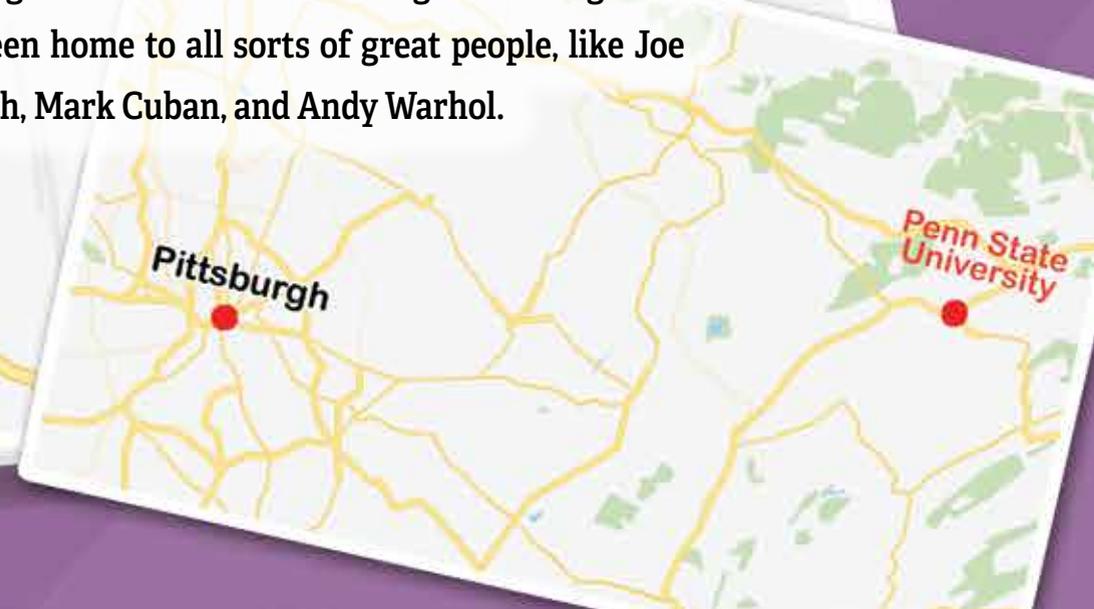
*The Cathedral of Learning is 535 feet tall and the tallest educational building in the Western hemisphere.*

# Pittsburgh

The Art Institute of Pitt  
Duquesne University

Chatham University  
Carlow University  
University of Pitt  
Carnegie Mellon

Pittsburgh is known as **“The Steel City”** for all the steel and manufacturing businesses here! That’s also why its football team is known as the Steelers. Steel from Pittsburgh was used in the Empire State building and the Golden Gate Bridge. Pittsburgh has also been home to all sorts of great people, like Joe Namath, Mark Cuban, and Andy Warhol.



Sometimes people also call Pittsburgh **“The City of Bridges.”** Can you believe that there are 446 bridges here? The Fort Pitt Bridge is one of the first bridges people see when they visit Pittsburgh.

*Forbes Field was the first concrete and steel baseball stadium in the country.*

With these binoculars, we could have seen Babe Ruth hit the last three home runs of his career at Forbes Field!



Pittsburgh has a great tradition of its residents giving back to their communities. Back during the early 1900's, people like **Andrew Carnegie** and **Henry Clay Frick** donated a lot of their wealth to help build libraries, museums, and schools. To this day, the places they helped start are still going strong, like the Frick Art Museum and the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.



Andrew Carnegie



Henry Clay Frick

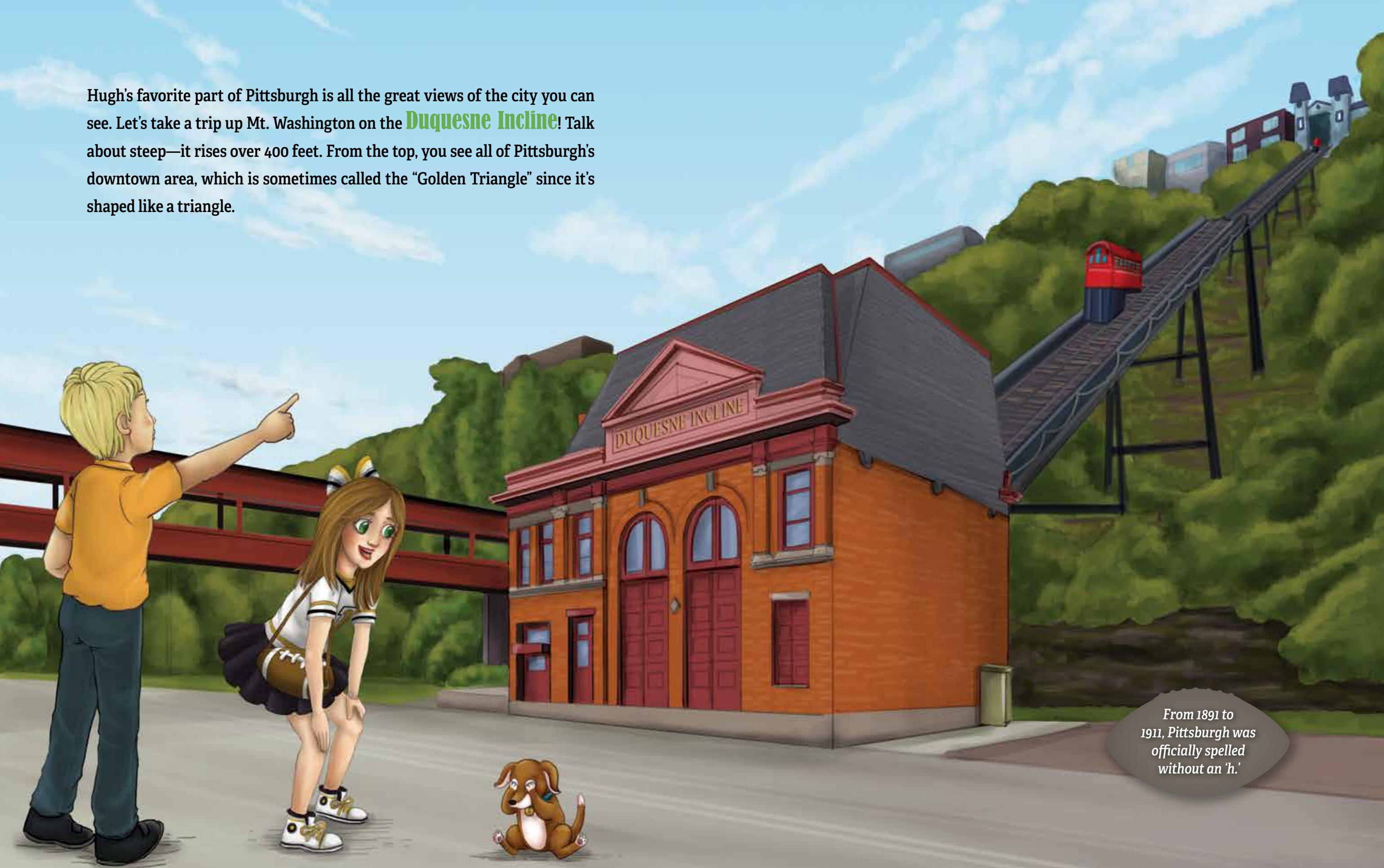


Even though the days of big industry titans are over, Pittsburgh still finds plenty of ways to give back. One person who really gave back was **Mr. Rogers!** He has a memorial here in Pittsburgh for his famous television show *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Giving back to your community is so important!

Mr. Rogers celebrates his birthday on March 20, the same as me!



Hugh's favorite part of Pittsburgh is all the great views of the city you can see. Let's take a trip up Mt. Washington on the **Duquesne Incline**! Talk about steep—it rises over 400 feet. From the top, you see all of Pittsburgh's downtown area, which is sometimes called the “Golden Triangle” since it's shaped like a triangle.



*From 1891 to 1911, Pittsburgh was officially spelled without an 'h.'*

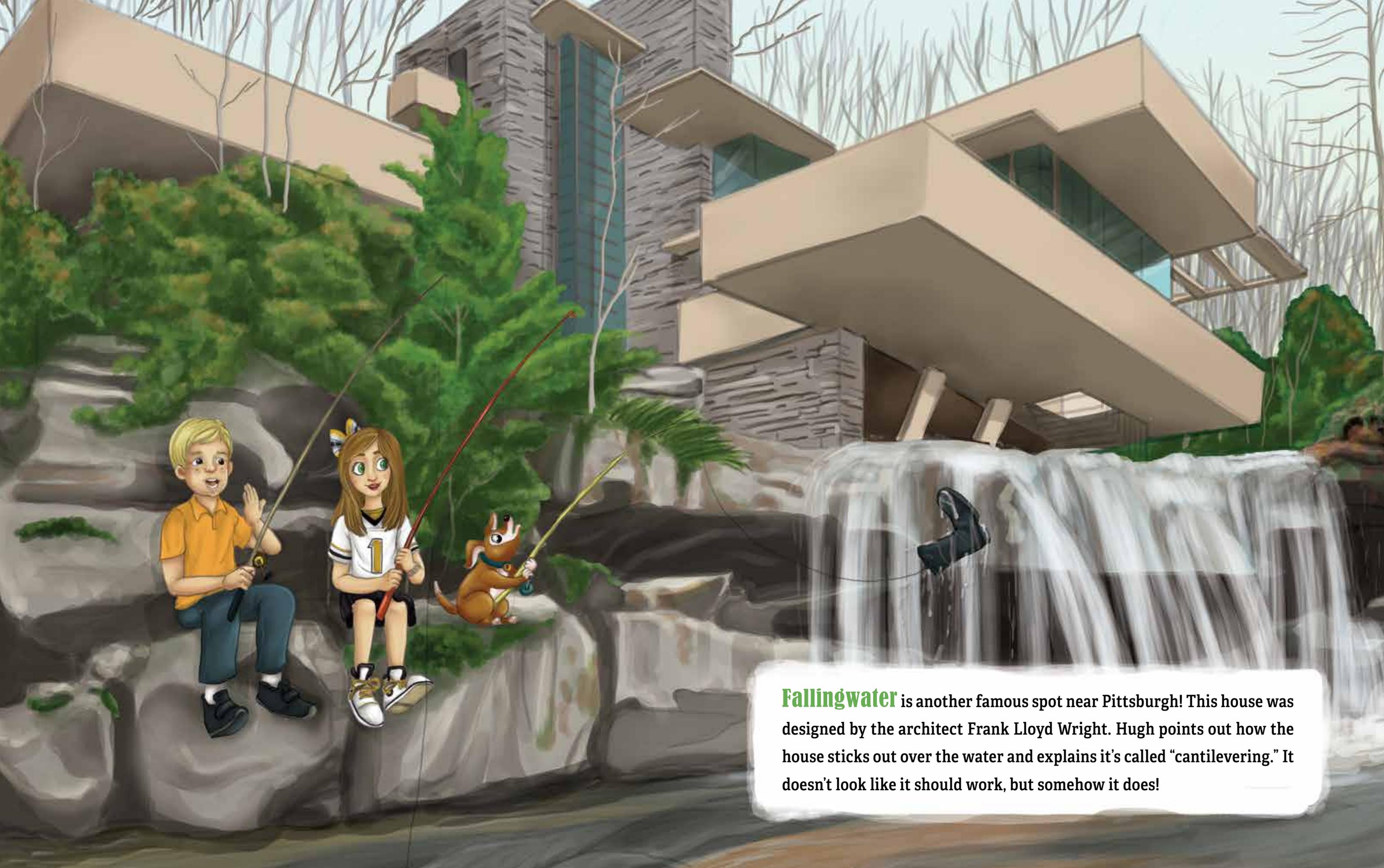
*In 1987, Kennywood was designated a U.S. National Historic Landmark.*

There's also plenty to see outside the city! Not too far away from Pittsburgh is **Kennywood Park**. Did you know that the first rides here were built back in 1899? That means the park is over 100 years old!

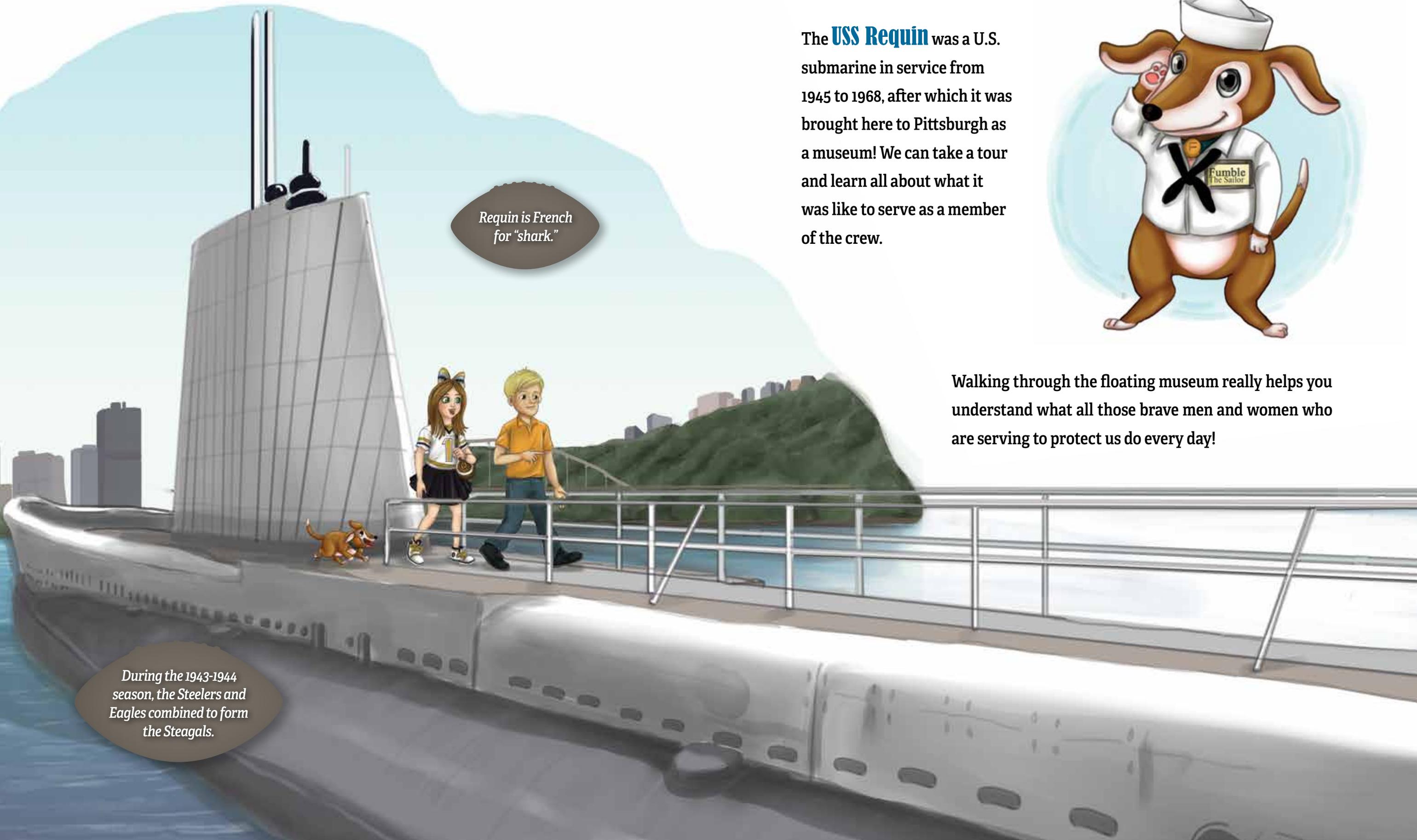
Hugh's favorite ride here is the Jack Rabbit.

It was built back in 1920 and is still working today. Buckle up, Fumble!





**Fallingwater** is another famous spot near Pittsburgh! This house was designed by the architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Hugh points out how the house sticks out over the water and explains it's called "cantilevering." It doesn't look like it should work, but somehow it does!



*Requin is French for "shark."*

The **USS Requin** was a U.S. submarine in service from 1945 to 1968, after which it was brought here to Pittsburgh as a museum! We can take a tour and learn all about what it was like to serve as a member of the crew.



Walking through the floating museum really helps you understand what all those brave men and women who are serving to protect us do every day!

*During the 1943-1944 season, the Steelers and Eagles combined to form the Steagals.*



The original hot dog is from Pittsburgh.

Look at all the tailgating activity out here at the stadium before the game! Pittsburgh is full of passionate fans and they know how to tailgate right! I'm going to head over and get myself a real **Primanti** sandwich—look at all the fries on it, Fumble! You can get just fries too, but there's only one thing to put on them here: Heinz ketchup! After all, that's what the stadium is named after!



There's so much excitement in the air as everyone heads inside and finds their seats before the game starts. Did you know that Pittsburgh hosted the very first professional football game? I think all of **Pittsburgh** is here to cheer on their home team! These fans really show up!

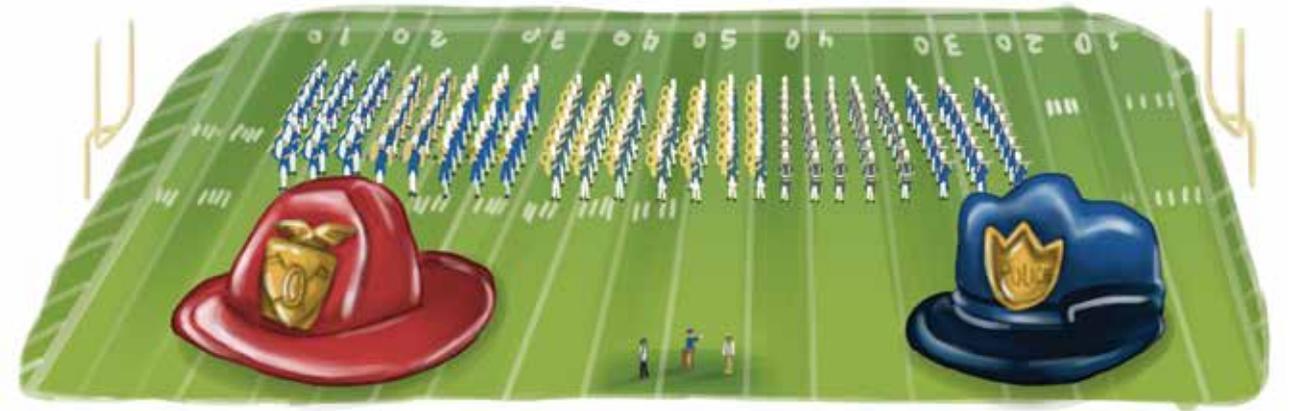


*The Pittsburgh Steelers' colors are black and gold.*

There's the kick-off! The home team elected to be on defense first. They'll need to stop the other team from making it down the field to their **endzone**. It shouldn't be too hard for their defensive line—look at them making that tackle!

*The Steelers' defense is famously known as the "Steel Curtain."*





Neither one of the teams has scored in the first half. That means we need to get some points in the second half to win. It's a real nail-biter. Some of the fans here can't watch!

Hugh says that for the **halftime** celebration, we're in for a special treat. The mayor of Pittsburgh is here to give a speech! If I get a chance, I'd love to tell him how accepting and welcoming everyone here is. Hugh and his friends remind me that's what a community like Pittsburgh is about!



**HERE WE GO!**

Looks like our team is going to run with the football. Our running back has broken free and is still going. It's a touchdown! We've won!



There's nothing quite like being in Pittsburgh for gameday, Fumble. It's so important to remember to give back and help each other out. I'm going to start looking for ways that I can give back every day. First, I'm going to write Hugh a thank you note for showing us around his city. No one could have done better!

XOXO (that's football language),  
– **Football Freddie and  
Fumble the Dog**



## About the Authors



A Pennsylvania native and Penn State graduate (WE ARE!), Marnie's life has been driven by sports. Her grandfather, Leonard Tose, was a longtime member of the "club" as the owner of the Philadelphia Eagles. He was also the founder of the Ronald McDonald House and helped build NFL Films. From him, Marnie learned the importance of family, sports, and charity. Her series, *Football Freddie* and *Fumble the Dog* is her

way of giving back to the many great football communities across the nation.

Jonathan Witten is the third generation in a long line of football fans. Diagnosed with neuroblastoma cancer at a young age and unable to walk or talk until age 5, he went on to play varsity football and is currently attending college. He loves watching football with his younger brother and sister. His grandmother, Susan T. Spencer, was the first woman in pro football to be the vice president, legal counsel, and acting general manager. She did all of this at the Philadelphia Eagles. She's the author of *Briefcase Essentials* and co-author of *Gameday in Philadelphia*, the first book in the Football Freddie series. Susan also runs a very successful nonprofit called A Level Playing Field, which helps kids play sports safely.



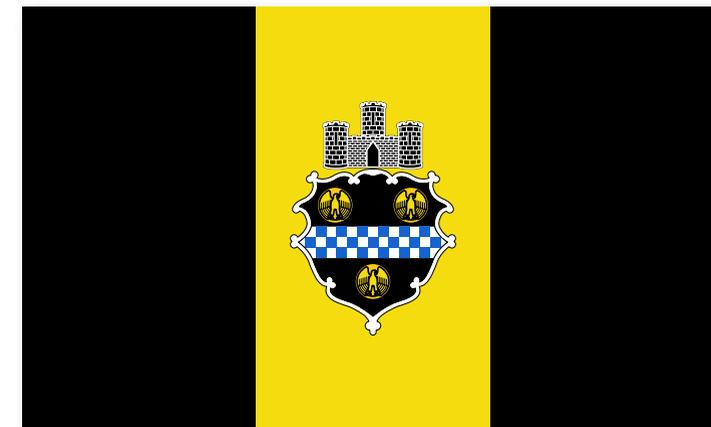
*Leonard Tose and the young author.*

## Pittsburgh Facts:

### Motto

*Benigno Numine*  
*"By the Favour of the Heavens"*

### Flag



### Year of Establishment

1758

### Nickname

The Steel City, The City of Bridges

## Special Acknowledgment from Stacey, Proud Mom of Hugh

According to the CDC, in 2018 about 1 in 59 people had been diagnosed with autism. Some people feel this rate may be even higher for all people on the autism spectrum. My son, Hugh, was diagnosed early, around the age of 2. He is now 17 years old. I can't thank the "army" of therapists, teachers, nurses, doctors, bus drivers, neighbors, friends, family, and perfect strangers who have helped and supported Hugh throughout this journey. I also can't thank author and best friend Marnie Schneider for the opportunity to highlight our beautiful city of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and our supportive and caring autism community. I am so proud to live in Pittsburgh!

Hugh would like you to know that if you ever meet a person with autism, please say "hi" to them. We may not say "hi" back, but we will always be grateful for your thoughtfulness and kindness. Hugh would like to acknowledge the following special friends and their families. Thank you for being his friend!

Josh, Jack, Holden, Madison, Zack, Marco, Matthew, and his sister Ellen.

This book is incredibly personal to me, as Stacey is my best friend. We met in the summer of 1986 as freshmen at Penn State University. We immediately became friends, ended up pledging the same sorority (Tri Delt), became roommates, and have been besties since then. I've watched how Stacey has magnificently handled Hugh, now 17, while simultaneously raising her teen daughter, teaching art, and helping others in the autism community! *Football Freddie and Fumble the Dog Gameday* is my love letter to all the wonderful fans out there, and this book is my love letter to those who've been touched by autism and have done so much to raise awareness and funds! My goal with *Gameday in Pittsburgh* is to help the autism community as much as I possibly can by sharing my connection to the fantastic city of Pittsburgh, my other hometown, and my respect for those committed to making a difference and finding a cure for autism!



