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MEET THE AUTHORS



GINA CRAWFORD

Gina Crawford has authored works in a variety of genres, including a thesis, journalistic articles, and poetry. However, her specialty is in children's literature. She has written many picture books since college, mostly in rhyme. She enjoys reading her books to children and giving presentations regarding the joys of writing. Crawford holds Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in English and teaches

composition and literature on the college level. She resides in North Alabama.



SUZANNA LYNN

Author Suzanna Lynn is a happily married, full-time mother of three beautiful, energetic children, and lives in a small town nestled in the deep rolling hills of Missouri. When she's not busy writing or spending time with her family, Suzanna loves to draw and paint, as well as scrapbooking. She also has been known to volunteer with her children's school,

the Ladies Auxiliary, and even the local zoo!



DARLA NOBLE

Darla Noble is a Missouri girl through and through. Born in Jefferson City, which is the state capital, she lived most of her life in Rolla, MO before moving to a small town just outside of Springfield, MO a few years ago. Darla has been writing inspirational nonfiction, historical nonfiction, memoirs, Bible studies, parenting/family resources, and

curriculum for over twenty-eight years. Darla's popularity as an author, ghostwriter, and speaker come from her ability to entertain, encourage and educate through storytelling and practical advice. Her faith, wit, and wisdom are enjoyed by readers across the United States, Australia, Asia, and Europe.

Darla and her husband John have been married for forty 'plus' years, are the parents of four grown children, four children in-law, and eight adorable grandchildren. When Darla is not writing or speaking, she enjoys raising vegetables and flowers, camping, spending time with her family and friends, and hanging out with her miniature dachshund, Charlotte. Darla loves to hear from her readers, so feel free to visit her website: www.dnoblewrites.com or contact her at dnoblewrites@yahoo.com and 'like' her on Facebook (Darla Noble), on Twitter @dnoblewrites, or on LinkedIn Darla Noble.



K.D. MCCRITE

Born and raised on a dairy farm in Mansfield, Missouri, K.D. McCrite is a multi-genre author, with work that includes children's books, mysteries, romance, paranormal, and domestic thrillers. She primarily writes books set in the Ozark Mountains of Missouri and Arkansas about the people we encounter daily; those ordinary folks who make us

laugh and cry. It's easy for the reader to identify with the everyday characters in K.D.'s stories. Her first novel featuring April Grace Reilly, *In Front of God and Everybody*, was in the top twelve finalists for the 2013-14 Mark Twain Readers Award. With an unending love for books, K.D. worked for several years in two public libraries. She also worked in the field of mental health as a caseworker. She graduated from Drury University with a degree in psychology.



BRONWEN MADDEN

Bronwen E. Madden has over 20 years of international trade and business development experience. She previously worked as an executive in both non-profit and state organizations managing operations and strategy, directing projects/grants, and implementing service delivery on an international scale. She has taught international

trade courses at the university level and has served on numerous state and community-based organizations to advance business development initiatives. Bronwen has previous appointments by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to serve on the District Export Council of Southern California and by two previous Missouri Governors to serve as an ex-officio member on the Missouri Hispanic Business, Trade and Culture Commission. She is a fellowship recipient of the Rotary International, Group Study Exchange Program and the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Partners of the Americas Business Exchange Program.

Bronwen has a degree from the American Bankers Association (ABA) Stonier Graduate School of Banking with a Wharton leadership certificate, an Executive Master's degree in International Business from the Boeing Institute of International Business, Saint Louis University and her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Missouri – Columbia in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis on International Relations, Economics and Peace Studies; Minor in Spanish. Bronwen has a boutique consulting business for international trade and small business clientele serving the Pacific Rim. She works in the area of risk management for West Plains Bank and Trust Company as a BSA Officer and is also the author of *HOW BRONWEN GOT HER SMILE BACK*. She is from the rural Missouri Ozarks.



LOUISE A. JACKSON

In her own words: “I went to school for a very long time. I went to a one-teacher school, a three-teacher school, a small high school, and two universities. Along the way, I taught fourth grade and special reading in Texas and third grade in Wyoming. I ended up teaching at the University of Wyoming.”

“I wrote a story each week. My Mother helped me keep

improving my writing. By the time I left home to go to college, I had become a pretty good writer.”

“While I went to college and university, I had to write all sorts of big research papers and I got even more experience with writing. Then, I got married and stayed home one year instead of teaching. One day, I saw an ad in a magazine. It said, “We’re looking for people who want to write for children.” I thought, “That’s me!” I checked out every book they had on writing books for children and teens and I read every single one of them. When I had learned all I could, I began writing what became my first published book – *Grandpa Had a Windmill, Grandma Had a Churn*. When I’m not writing, I walk my dog, a Norfolk Terrier named Kashi, hike, eat lunch with friends, read novels, visit with children in elementary schools, and watch my local women’s college team play basketball.



TIFFANY CORYELL

Tiffany Tutu wrote her first children's book when she was a child herself. Her first editor, her mother, Della, instilled belief in Tiffany that she could be a children's author one day. The dream laid dormant until Tiffany became a mother. With the pen name of Tiffany Tutu, a nickname given to her by her kindergarten teacher, she was inspired by the

small moments and memories she collected during quarantine with her son to write a book celebrating him and those moments.

She lives in the Midwest with her husband, three children, a cat that doesn't age, endless dinosaurs, countless baby dolls, and a few tutus, of course.

A common saying is that nothing in life is certain, but when it comes to Tiffany, one can be assured she has a glass of tea in hand, no socks on her feet, and a dream growing in her heart.

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