

Questions and Answers

Q: Can you tell us a little about yourself and how long you've been writing?

A: I am a Christian divorced mother of 5 with age ranges from 21 to 5-year-old twins. I am a small business owner of an editorial service where I critique documents of all types, including web site editing, as well as produce documents of most types regarding resumes, cover letters, essays, letters/ correspondence, and I am a published author of 4 books, with one work in progress.

Q: Do you write full-time?

A: No. I work full time as an editor with several hospitals critiquing medical documents in Texas and Pennsylvania.

Q: At what point in your life did you make up your mind you were going to become a published author?

A: Actually, I had no idea that I would be a published author. Although my first love is writing, I also have a love for architecture and I was actually going to start college classes to be an architect, but after my divorce, depression set in and when I'm depressed, I write to release my feelings rather it be letters to God or just writing a poem, which quickly developed into journaling. From the journaling, I decided to write about my life experiences in hopes that it could bless someone else that may have been in my situation or were possibly going through my situation at the present time. I wanted to be able to relate to my readers and let them know that they are not alone and that someone else out there was dealing with the same thing.

Q: What was your favorite book to read as a child?

A: I think everyone loved Dr. Seuss.

Q: What is your favorite book at the present?

A: The Bible, hands down, as well as anything of T.D. Jakes.

Q: Can you tell us a little about your latest book?

A: Sure. My latest book is still a work in progress and it is called "Battered Secrets: MEN of Domestic Violence" where men are also victims of domestic abuse.

Q: What was the inspiration behind your book?

A: My inspiration behind the book was the whole ordeal with domestic violence within itself. I, too was a victim of domestic violence of many years duration. I went through the whole blaming myself skit and trying to change my ways to make him happy, but through prayer, God showed me that it wasn't me who had the problem. Later in life, I felt like that if I was abused by a man, was there ever a time when a man is abused by a woman and when I researched, I found a whole slew of answers of approximately 880,000 men who were and are indeed victims of domestic violence. Just like I wanted my story to be heard, as well as many women that were in my situation, I wanted to be that voice for those men too, to let them know that they also were not alone.

Q: What kind of research did you have to conduct to write your book?

A: There are many different pieces of the novel that require extensive research. The time and place where the abuse unfolded, how it manifested, what were the dynamics of the situation, etc.

Q: Where do you get ideas to write your books?

A: Life experiences rather it be my own life experience or someone else's. I like to believe that God made every human beings life a storybook, therefore everyone has a story to tell.

Q: How do you deal with rejection?

A: With strength. I gain my strength from my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ through prayer. I try not to let things bother me or get me down anymore because I know that when that enemy of depression tries to creep up in my spirit, all I have to do is pray. God takes care of the rest.

Q: Do you ever get writer's block and what do you do when that happens?

A: Yes. I have gotten writer's block on many occasions. I take a break for a at least 30 minutes and if it continues, then I step away for a few days, but I continue to jot down thoughts that may pop up pertaining to making the novel, then my research begins again.

Q: What's next for you?

A: Book publishing. I want to venture into book publishing for first time authors with affordable rates so they can have a chance to tell their story with not having to break the bank at the same time.