

Miracle Austin



Miracle Austin is a YA/NA cross-genre hybrid author with horror and paranormal being her favorite genres. She enjoys attending diverse book festivals and comic cons. Miracle resides in Texas with her family.

Stephenie Barker



Stephenie Barker (“The Copper Penny Lady”), author of the Mom’s Choice Awards Gold winning children’s book, *The Little Copper Penny*, made it a goal to teach her children the importance of saving money and to appreciate its value early on. As a realtor, Stephenie has had the opportunity to help young home-buyers, like she and her husband many years ago, navigate the difficulties of savings and investments. A native Texan, she currently resides in Celina and her hope is for *The Little Copper Penny* to teach children to appreciate the value of money in its lowest denomination, as well as recognize their own self-worth.

Afiah Bey



Afiah Bey has over 15 years of experience as a griot/storyteller. She has performed at many public and private schools, libraries and many cultural events in the Dallas/FT.Worth metroplex. She has been featured on Fox's "Insights", WFAA "Family First". She is a griot/storyteller full time.

Sheena Binkley



Sheena Binkley first discovered her love for storytelling when writing her first story for a class project at the tender age of nine. Since then, she has composed several short stories and numerous tales that are not only engaging, but simply entertaining. She has written numerous top 100 Amazon best-selling novels, including four #1 books in their respective categories. She was also named one of UBAWA's (Urban Books, Authors, & Writers of America) Top 100 Authors of 2017. In April of 2016, Sheena launched her own publishing company which focus strictly on romance books. She lives in Houston (where the weather is always unpredictable)

with her husband and son.

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Blue Cubicle Press, home of the award-winning and internationally recognized literary journals *Workers Write!* and *The First Line*, is dedicated to giving voice to writers who realize their words may never pay the mortgage but who are too stubborn to stop trying. We're here to support the artists trapped in the daily grind.

LaTanya Brooks



LaTanya Brooks is a children's book author, speaker and educator. She was raised with the belief that no one should be disadvantaged because of gender, disability or background, and that education is a powerful tool in overcoming obstacles. In 2006, LaTanya decided to pursue a career in education. She continues to inspire children not only to dream big, but to pursue their passions and not be limited by anyone's expectations of them.

Corbett Buchly



From his arcane lair in Richardson, Texas, Corbett Buchly scribes fictional narratives about alien technology, sorcery and steampunk. And poetry. You may know him from his science-fiction chapter books: *Spit Mechs*, *Spit Mechs 2*, and *Squint & Rocket*. Corbett honed his writing craft at Texas Christian University (TCU) and University of Southern California (USC). Incidentally, he has also been known to collect manual typewriters and anything Doctor Who related.

Carla Butler



Mrs. Carla Butler, daughter, wife and mother was born in Little Rock, Arkansas. She has been married to her college sweetheart, Connell for over thirty two years and is the proud mother of three adult children. Carla has been an early childhood educator for over twenty six years and is a graduate of The University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. She loves children and has always worked with them in some capacity. She was raised by her stepfather and biological mother and is the oldest child of three adopted siblings with whom she is very close.

Alycia Christine



Alycia Christine is an award-winning artist and an author best known for her Sylvan Cycle series. Whether she is penning speculative fiction, writing nonfiction, or shooting photography, her goal is to enchant and encourage others through every creative endeavor. Find her at AlyciaChristine.com.

Carolyn Cohagan



Carolyn Cohagan's first novel, *The Lost Children* (Simon & Schuster, 2010) is a middle grade fantasy which became part of the Scholastic Bookclub and was nominated for a Massachusetts Children's Book Award. Her young adult dystopian novel *Time Zero* (She Writes Press, 2016) won eight literary honors, including the 2017 Readers Favorite Award and the 2017 International Book Award. She lives in Austin, where she is the founder of Girls With Pens, a creative writing organization dedicated to fostering the individual voices and offbeat imaginations of girls ages 8-14.

Donisha Derice



Donisha Derice is an up and coming author bringing her creativity to life by penning tales of fiction. Born and raised in Indianapolis, IN, Donisha had only dreamed of being two things: a lawyer and a writer. After realizing she no longer desired to become an attorney, Donisha decided to follow her other dream. Her first novel, *The Hustle: A Means to an End*, was completed while Donisha's plate was full with motherhood, college, and her full-time job. Her second novel, *The Hustle: Unscripted* will be released May 2015. Having two novels published within a year, Donisha knows she has found her true passion and calling--and it is in writing.



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Charles Franklin



Charles Franklin grew up in Mineral Wells, Texas. Following a 22-year Army career including plenty of middle-east combat, he lives in Texas with his beautiful wife and three children and is starting a new career as a middle-school teacher. As an author, he enjoys telling tales of adventure filled with faith and purpose. When he's not writing, he enjoys spending precious time with his family.

Misty Hayes



Misty Hayes has always had a love for escaping into imaginary and fantastical worlds. This is what eventually led her to start creating her own stories for people to dive into. As someone who has spent a long career in law enforcement, Misty has a love for strong female protagonists. When Misty isn't writing or traveling, or diving into a good book, she's spending time at home in Texas with her myriad of nieces and nephews in tow.

Jhordynn Jaye



Jhordynn is an adult fiction author of five books: *I Liked you Better When I Didn't Like You*; *I Liked you Better, Though*; *The Devil Wears Diamonds*; *Baby's Breath*, and *Wombmates*. Jhordynn is also a ghostwriter who anonymously writes books, poems, songs, and short stories for people from all walks of life. All of her books and services are available on www.jhordynn.com; paperbacks and ebooks are available on Amazon.com.

N.E. Brown Larson



N.E. Brown peels back the veneer of time and place to deliver enthralling stories. Her love of Texas history inspires her to create true-to-life fictional characters from the past. She is an award winning author, and has published seven historical novels - all receiving four and five star reviews on Amazon.

Vanessa McDowell



Award-winning young adult and urban fiction author Vanessa McDowell will be a participant at the 2018 Dallas Book Festival. Vanessa hails from Dallas, Texas, and crafted her storytelling at SMU, screenplay competitions and various workshops across the U.S. including Hollywood. She has a passion for the arts and frequently competes in writing contests. Visit her website for more information: <http://www.blackbooc.com>.

Dr. Susan Mecca



Dr. Susan Mecca, a native Texan, is a psychologist, inspirational speaker, and an organizational consultant who has coached individuals and organizations across the globe through critical personal and professional challenges. Her book, *“The Gift of Crisis: Finding your best self in the worst of times”* provides practical and inspirational strategies designed to foster hope, competence, even transformation when serious crises disrupt our lives.

Joe Milazzo



Joe Milazzo is the author of the novel *Crepuscule W/ Nellie* and two volumes of poetry: *The Habiliments* and *Of All Places In This Place Of All Places*. He co-edits the online interdisciplinary arts journal [*out of nothing*], is a Contributing Editor at *Entropy*, and is also the proprietor of Imipolex Press. Joe lives and works in Dallas, TX, where he was born and raised.

Tameisha Moore



I am Author, Tameisha Moore, and I have two beautiful children. I've worked for the United States Postal Service for over 5 years. I am a mental health advocate and Founder of Hope for the Hopeless nonprofit organization that will help people with a mental illness financially.

Phillip and Dr. Janice Porter



In 2016, Phillip and Dr. Janice Porter released their book and workbook “The Power In A Vision Driven Family”. This is a true story about how their parents successfully conceived and implemented a generational family vision to establish their family’s values and build wealth. They have conducted family vision workshops, been interviewed on radio stations throughout the United States, lived an extended family lifestyle and currently host the Vision Driven Family Institute Live FB Broadcast every Saturday at 12:00 noon (CST). Their mission is to inspire, mentor, educate and provide families with the tools to build wealth and live a better quality of life through their family’s vision.

Shondra M. Quarles



Shondra M. Quarles is a teacher and children's book author who lives in Dallas. Her book, *The Teacher Who Didn't Want to Go to School*, earned her a prestigious award from the National Celebrity Educators for authoring a book about teachers. *The Teacher Who Didn't Want to go to School* was also a children's book finalist for the 2017 Indie Author Legacy Awards.

Meiah Shaun



Meiah Shaun is a Christian author and playwright penning faith-based messages linking her personal life experiences with spiritual life lessons. Her new novel, *Burnt Orange* (Redemption Press) is an inspirational coming-of-age novel based on real-life events from her life. She is the founder of A Crown of Beauty Ministries, a ministry of healing and deliverance. Visit her at meiahshaun.com

Aiysha Sinclair



Aiysha Sinclair is a Los Angeles based author of *Saroja's Quest*. The first book in her *Brown Sugar Fairies* series. She aims to spark the imagination of both children and adults through the eyes of her fantastical characters.

Jeanne Skartsiaris



When I'm not writing, I work as a Sonographer. I look at cute babies all day. It was a great career to work in while I finished college with a degree in photography. My goal was to get my Master's degree in Bio-communication and become a Medical Illustrator. I was lucky enough to find a job right out of college as a Medical Photographer for a plaintiff's law firm. Interesting work. Each case was different and I learned a lot about safety issues. Truck wrecks, plane crashes, malpractice, electrocution, you name it. As a photographer I saw some pretty awful stuff and worked in the field for seventeen years. No wonder I'm such a safety freak. I learned a lot, saw too much, so I went back to doing sonograms.

Dianne Smithwick-Braden



Dianne Smithwick-Braden is a native Texan raised on the family farm near Vernon, Texas. She seasons her mysteries with a little romance, a dash of adventure, and a touch of humor. She currently resides in Amarillo, Texas with her husband, Richard.

David Eric Tomlinson



David Eric Tomlinson was born and raised in Oklahoma, educated in California, and now lives in Texas. His first novel *The Midnight Man* was listed as a [top crime debut of 2017](#) by Austin's independent bookstore BookPeople, and was a finalist for the 2018 Texas Institute of Letters [Sergio Troncosco Award For Best Work Of First Fiction](#). In 2017, he contributed to the Bread Loaf Writers Conference. David lives in Dallas with his wife and two daughters, and teaches craft classes for [Writing Workshops Dallas](#). Learn more at www.daviderictomlinson.com

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J.C. Villegas



J.C. VILLEGAS, author of critically acclaimed novel, *Journey of a Cotton Blossom*, was born and raised in the South, spending most of her days in Mississippi. Since childhood, she has been a strong advocate, seeking justice and the humane treatment of animals and people. Although J.C. has been described as a natural storyteller, she had not planned on being an author, but her life's journey had other plans.

Clay Wonnell



Clay Wonnell is Dallas based PGA Professional, podcast host, and author of a children's book about golf titled "Ollie Plays Golf". Clay's passion for golf has lead him to a career in golf as a club professional, instructor, mini-tour pro, one time PGA Tour event contestant, and author.

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Zemill



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