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One sentence that describes me and my writing:

Op-eds, which I call opuses in three hundred words or less—the essence of literature—launched my writing career after a stranger noted, “I don’t always agree with what you say, but I love the way you say it.”



Brief bio: I hold an undergraduate degree in biology, a post-graduate certificate in medical technology, and a master’s in landscape architecture, none of which required me to worry about dangling participles, transitive verbs, or why tight writing matters. Although my education and diverse professional experiences taught me volumes about human nature when some things work and others go south, a friend’s note about collecting anecdotes tweaked my imagination about the mystery and majesty of storytelling. Oh, and I have the most wonderful, patient husband, a brilliant son, and a beautiful and loving daughter-in-law who gave me the loves of my life: my grandchildren who never cease to amaze and amuse me while filling my catalog of anecdotes.

Why I write:

I write:

Fiction: short stories books

Genres: literary – contemporary family sagas

Nonfiction: articles personal experience stories devotions books

Genres:

Other: poetry scripts

My audience Christians general public women men teens children

I’m currently working on a trilogy that examines 1 Corinthians 13. East of Midnight, The Chalmers Trilogy Book 1, published by an independent publisher and available on Amazon and IngramSpark, examines verse eleven as Cameron Asher and Lydia Carpenter find love after learning to give up childish ways. Choices & Secrets, Book 2, which is being proofed and should be ready for publication, examines verses one through ten as three generations of the Asher, Sloan, and Duncan families learn what love is and what it is not. Through a Mirror Dimly, Book 3, (in process) explores the implicit question asked and explained in 1 Corinthians 13:12-13 – without love, faith and hope will fail us.

My greatest joy and/or struggle in writing is: My great pleasure is continuing to walk a journey that began forty-four years ago, inspired by the quiet and confident yet humble wisdom of a then-seventy-three-year-old couple at my church, Luther and Zula. I wanted to be like them when I reached their age and wondered what that journey would be like. Now that I’m seventy-three, I only need to stop being busy and wait. The Holy Spirit has yet to let me down. Life hasn’t been a bowl of cherries, but it isn’t frightening or boring.

I’d like to meet writers who write books they want to read, not books they’re told they should read. As Jerry Seinfeld said during a recent commencement speech: “I’m tired of not being ashamed of things I should be ashamed of, and being ashamed of things I should not be ashamed of.” In other words, I want to meet writers who, as King David did, dance before the LORD, rejoicing in his gracious and merciful forgiveness and love.

I belong to a writers’ group that is open to new members.

I would like to find a writers’ group.

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Blog:

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I'm not yet published I've been published in periodicals

I have published one or more books

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