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[Books In Sync Christian Fiction Inspirational Author Deirdre Kelley Hall](#) Releases Her Book '[Peace in the Storm](#)'. Deirdre Is A Member Of '[Members of The Written Voice](#)' And She Hosts '[Our Written Voices](#)'.



Published author of [Peace in the Storm](#), [Deirdre Kelley](#) won awards for some of the articles that she wrote as a newspaper reporter in Southeast Arkansas for three and a half years. She returned to her native home of Houston, Texas where she has been employed as an ASE certified Automotive Service Manager for the last eight years. Early on she was a single parent raising three loving boys to manhood. She attributes her strength and perseverance, over coming great odds, to her faith in God.

Author [Deirdre Kelley](#) Resides In TX, USA.

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**Q: Tell us what makes you proud to be a writer from Texas?**

**A:** There are so many wonderful writers from Texas, I am very proud to be among them. There is so much diversity in Texas; this helps lay a foundation for a great variety of experiences and interesting points of view that allows for truly unique storylines.

**Q: What or who inspired you to become a writer?**

**A:** When I was in the eighth grade my Literature teacher Mrs. Banning praised me for a poem I wrote for a class project. She told me I had talent, the **first** time I had ever been told anything like that. I had always been an avid reader; I began to think that I would very much like to write something someone else would read.

**Q: When did you begin writing with the intention of becoming published?**

**A:** I never really thought about getting published, though I always secretly desired it. Several years ago I began working for a newspaper and was told by my readers that my articles made the paper interesting. I won some awards for my articles and the writing bug got under my skin. I began writing a story and half way though contacted a publisher on a whim. To my surprise it was within my ability to pay the costs and get it done. Now I write most everything with the intent to publish.

**Q: Did your environment or upbringing play a major role in your writing and why?** **A:** I wrote poetry as an angst ridden teenager but I never wrote any stories. I made up little stories, developing characters and a plot as I went along, to entertain friends. After I had children, I began to consider writing them down so I could share the stories with them later, and to pass on to their children.

**Q: Do you come up with your title (s) before or after you write the manuscript (s)?** **A:** Titles come during the development of the story. I don't really know what's going to happen so I have to see how it all plays out and come up with the title then.

**Q: Tell us why you write the genre (s) that you write?**

**A:** I wrote my first book as Christian fiction. I choose to write fiction because there is so much freedom to it. Even a book loosely based on fact can be a great work of fiction. I chose Christian fiction because that particular story was based on my own life experiences. Of my two manuscripts in the works, one is historical fiction and the other is a mystery novel.

**Q: Tell us your most rewarding experience while in the writing process?**

**A:** I have to say the most rewarding part of the process was holding the finished product in my hands. The process of writing was fun, though a little stressful as I went through the editing phase. Waiting for the process to complete was somewhat exhilarating, but nothing like holding the completed book in my hands.

**Q: Tell us your most negative experience while in the writing process?**

**A:** I can't really think of any negative experience, except when I had someone read the manuscript to get their reaction. She said it was "okay" and wished me luck on someone buying it. And promoting it is very difficult, and expensive.

**Q: Tell us your most rewarding experience in your publishing journey?**

**A:** Since I didn't have the funds to properly promote my book, getting a statement from the publisher that said it was being purchased none the less was very exciting, very rewarding.

**Q: Tell us your most negative experience in your publishing journey?**

**A:** There really hasn't been a negative experience in my journey. I see the whole journey as a learning experience, one I actually have enjoyed. It is an accomplishment, the attainment of a goal. And as a new writer I did not know what to expect, had no similar experience to compare it to. The next book may be an entirely different experience. But I am thrilled have been able to make the journey.

**Q: What one positive piece of advice would you give to other authors?**

**A:** A well written, unique manuscript is a very important beginning. Then take that leap of faith, put your work out there but make sure it is your best. It's like birthing a baby, painful in the beginning but well worth the effort.

**Q: Who Is Your Favorite Author?**

**A:** Fellow Texan Melanie Wells, author of "When the Day of Evil Comes," "Soul Hunter," and "My Soul to Keep." I'm waiting on her next book.

**Featuring: [Peace in the Storm](#) by [Deirdre Kelley](#)**

Amy Alexander's life changed in a way she could never have foreseen after her marriage ended. Fear became her companion when her ex-husband began threatening her children in a desperate bid for money to support his drug habit. While fighting emotional battles, Amy and her sons learn their strength is a prayer away. New relationships emerge and old ones are strengthened as they seek [Peace in the Storm](#).

**About The Author:**

[Deirdre Kelley](#) works as a news paper reporter in Southeast Arkansas. She has returned to school to further her education, seeking a degree in Journalism and English the Houston native became a single parent early



on raising three loving boys to manhood. She attributes her strength and perseverance, over coming great odds, to her faith in God.

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The profits obtained from the sale of ‘Our Written Voices’ will be used to support ‘David’s House’, a non-profit organization that helps families with critically ill patients in the hospital.

**About The Authors:**

‘The Written Voice’ is a featured writing group on the popular website for mothers, ‘CafeMom’. Established in May 2008, ‘The Written Voice’ welcomes writers and readers alike and is comprised of passionate, talented, and supportive women. Collaboratively, members of ‘The Written Voice’ created Our ‘Written Voices’, a compilation of their original works.



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**Q: What special projects are you working on now and what books do we have to look forward to in the future?**

**A:** I am currently working on two books, one is a fictional novel based on true events in my family's history. The second is a mystery **about** a missing child inner-laced with a little romance. Neither book is titled at the moment.

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