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[Books In Sync Dawn Huffaker](#) Is A Poet And Author Of [Flights of Fancy: Volume 1 \(SE\)](#), Co-Author With Michele Duncan In [Flower Escapes: Book 1](#).

[Dawn Huffaker](#) lives in the mountains of the southwestern corner of New Mexico. She is the eldest daughter of two educators.

At the age of eight months, Dawn became mysteriously ill and never learned to walk. She has had to learn to deal with her world from a wheelchair. With the help of her family, she is leading a productive life.

In junior high, Dawn discovered her passion for poetry. Some very special teachers took the time to show her the beauty of words. From that point on, she wrote poetry for family and friends, and published works in the school newspapers.

In college, she received her bachelor's degree in Computer Science, and minors in English and Biology. Dawn went on to found a local computer store. The store operated for seventeen years. Then, she spent two months in the hospital dealing with a health concern, and had to close her business.

When Dawn returned home, she spent several months recuperating. During this time, she began exploring the idea of publishing her first book of poetry, and selecting her very best poems to put in volume one. That was how Flights of Fancy came to be.

Currently, Dawn has published her second book Flower Escapes which is a collaboration with Michele Duncan, an amazing floral photographer. This book is available through Amazon.



Q: What makes you proud to be a writer from New Mexico, USA?

A: I am proud to be a writer from this area because it is a small mountain town where I get to live out my dreams. Having lived here for over 40 years, I am still amazed by all of the beauty that surrounds me. Living in the mountains, I have an endless source of inspiration for my poetry.

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

A: Words have always fascinated me. When I was in junior high, two of the English teachers (Mrs. Nolan and Mrs. Thomas) introduced me to poetry. I saw how it influenced them. They would share the poets that they enjoyed, and I saw their eyes light up.

When it was our turn to write verse for them, I fell in love. It was such a beautiful form of expression. I could capture a moment out of time, or share a precious feeling from my heart. Later, these teachers continued to encourage me to keep writing, and I did.

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

A: My friends had asked me to give it a try. Had thought about it for a couple of years, but my workload would not allow me to get very far. It was in the fall of 2006 that I got started. I was home recuperating from a serious illness. On the good days, I sorted through the poems that I had written over the years, and typed them into a manuscript.

Q: Did your environment or upbringing play a major role in your writing and why?

A: Being exposed to famous poets in school was the spark for my career. Also, I did a lot of reading as a child, so I learned about word craft, and how words could be used expressively. Both were important.

Q: Do you come up with your title (s) before or after you write the manuscript (s)?

A: I come up with my titles after I write the manuscripts.

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

A: It is very satisfying to write poetry. I carefully choose my words, and use them for rhythm and impact. One can express a lot in a few words, and that is why I find it so satisfying.

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

A: I paint with words. When I've captured my subject as I intended, the poem comes alive in the mind of the reader.

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

A: My most negative experience is when the inspiration turns to dust. It takes much work to try to bring it back, if ever.

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

A: My most rewarding experience on this publishing journey has been the freedom to create my own book. I enjoy doing the layout and artwork for my book. It makes my poetry complete.

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

A: My most negative experience on this publishing journey has been in dealing with customer service at the different print-on-demand websites. I found that they could not answer basic questions concerning issues that one comes across during the publishing of a book. I had to either find the answers on my own, or do it by trial and error. That is very frustrating to me. When they take a percentage of royalties, shouldn't publishers be able to provide knowledgeable staff?

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

A: A positive piece of advice would be to develop a strategy for the promotion of your book. This is an area that has been often overlooked. Plan for it. Set aside money. Hire someone. I would recommend Books In Sync. A writer needs time to write.

Q: Who is your favorite author?

A: Robert Frost

Q: Please tell us the titles of your current book (s):

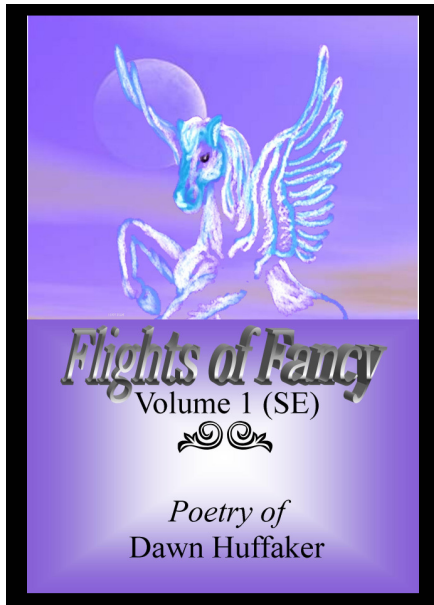
A: I have two books out at this time.

[Flights of Fancy: Volume 1 \(SE\)](#) by [Dawn Huffaker](#)

The first book is a collection of my best poetry from the past 25 years. It is suitable for children and adults. There are poems about nature, life, emotions, and religion.

Flower Escapes: Book 1 by Michele Duncan and Dawn Huffaker

The second book is a collaboration between Michele Duncan and me. It is an inspirational book that showcases Michele’s beautiful floral photography, and poetry that I have created for each of these lovely photos. It is designed for readers who are going through a rough spot in their lives.



Q: What Format (s) are your books in: Print Only.....E-Book Only....or Both?

A: Currently, my books are in both formats. Although in the future, I may switch to e-books exclusively because of the cost of doing color layouts.

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

A: At this time, I am creating poetry for a volume two of Flights of Fancy. Also, there are three more volumes of Flower Escapes to come out.

Q: Is there anything else that you would like to share with us?

A: Poetry is my gift to you. Enjoy!

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