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### Inspirations From The Everyday

Short stories of everyday events that inspire us to look for the lesson that will help us to grow in our lives and our faith.

#### Favourite animal?

Baby goat. We had two of them when I was in my early teens and I've loved them ever since.

#### Ham or Turkey?

Definitely turkey. It's my favorite meal.

#### Ballpoint, uniball or fountain pen?

I normally use ballpoint but am going to appreciate uniball!

#### Best place you've visited?

The Cook Islands. It was the first time we had a tropical vacation and it was a trip I won on a radio contest!

#### What do you dream about?

My dreams are to share God's inspiration and love through the written and spoken word.

#### What is one thing you want to accomplish in this life?

I want to make a difference in lives, by gently leading and touching hearts with the love and light of Jesus.



### **Where do you get your information or ideas for your books?**

My inspiration comes from everyday life.

### **Three of your favorite authors?**

Francine Rivers, Maeve Binchy and Sarah Young

### **If you had to choose, which ONE writer, past or present would you consider a mentor?**

Charles Swindoll. When I first read his devotional book, *The Finishing Touch* I was inspired by how everyday things of life could have special significance that pointed us to God. The story that touched me the most is one I still remember, many years later.

### **What is your work schedule like when you are writing?**

My writing is in short bursts as my stories average 250 words. Something strikes a chord in my mind, I think about it for several days and then sit down to write it on paper and then edit it as I put it on the computer. Time and everything else disappear when I am focused on writing.

### **What literary character is most like you?**

Dorothy from the *Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. Most people know the movie, but it was a book many years prior to that. I relate to Dorothy because I feel that I have been picked up and placed back down somewhere I never would have imagined. As I follow the path set before me (the yellow brick road) I know that there are amazing adventures in store for me and wonderful new friends to walk by me. My path leads me not to a wizard, but closer to my Saviour and King, Jesus Christ.

### **What writing advice do you have for other aspiring authors?**

Join a writing group for mutual support and valuable critiques of your work. I have also learned that walking stimulates my creativity. Keep writing – don't give up!



**Tell us a little bit about your cover art. Who designed it? Why did you go with that particular image/artwork?**

My cover is a photograph taken by Ann Edall-Robson of Dakatama. It is a heart shaped cloud in the sky that, to me, represents the beauty and wonder God provides to inspire us.

**Give us an interesting fun fact from your book.**

Laws of aerodynamics say that bumblebees don't have the capacity to achieve flight. Their bodies are too fat and heavy and their short wings should be incapable of lifting their heavy bodies. The fact is, God gave them the power to fly, so they do. They haven't stopped to listen to those who say they can't.



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