

Write From the Beginning...

- Karen Farrell Jaworski -

I will never forget the impression a sixteen year-old girl and her agent had on me the day I listened to the story she told about the beginning of her writing career at the ripe old age of fourteen. That's how old I was when I heard her speak and it inspired me to begin my lifelong journey of becoming a published Christian fiction author & speaker.

I can remember it as if it were yesterday. She stood up in front of the library where the school had packed in as many bodies as possible, all trying to hear what this poor young girl had to say as she tumbled her story and showed us all her book. I was so touched by the fact that a young person could actually get her ideas out on paper and an adult would listen. Not only listen but take her seriously enough to get her work put into print and out to the rest of the world so they could hear about it too.

Her agent read bits and pieces of her horse story then showed us the cover, holding it high into the air for all to see. I thought how much that meant and how I couldn't wait to go home and begin something of my own. I had this shiny new typewriter that was just the perfect shade of red. In fact, I remember pulling it out for the first time since I'd received it for Christmas and the adrenaline pumping through my veins as I put in the paper and locked it in. I sat there at the end of the kitchen table hunched over my sleek new machine with fresh, clean, crisp sheets of white paper sticking out of the back just waiting for me to put down all of my ideas.

And, write I did. Every night after school for hours on end, I would sit and think up another new part to the storyline I thought other people would like and nimbly type away until my fingers cramped and my rear became sore. I have to chuckle when I go back to the night I first decided that maybe writing wasn't for me and decided to give it up and throw in the towel. I had sat at that typewriter for several hours after school and hadn't had as much of an idea come to me on what to write. I guess at the time I thought it was me and not the infamous "writer's block" that every writer gets from time to time.

Well, I will never forget taking that empty page out of the typewriter in disillusionment and heading to bed for a very tumultuous night's sleep. From that point on I didn't take a look at another blank page of paper, even though it called out to me throughout the years, until approximately four years ago when I, as determined as I first was, sat down one night after work and began a new chapter on an old book. No, not that original book I began in my fourteenth year, but my old book of life and longing.

You see, God gave me a gift that just wouldn't go away. I stuffed it down, went on to do other things, but it kept it's subtle longing for escape in the back of my mind all of my life until I gave into its calling and began my journey of writing all over again. In fact, this time when I wrote my first book, *The Christmas Wish*, I couldn't stop. This time the ideas just kept coming and wouldn't stop. And, best of all, now I use that book in very powerful ways to help young women in crisis as they make life altering decisions

about the life or death of their unborn child during an unplanned pregnancy. Now, after my first inspiration, I have the joy seeing my own work out there in bold and bright colors serving a purpose far greater than I could have ever thought or imagined as the young impressionable girl of fourteen so many years ago.

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Bio

Karen Farrell-Jaworski is the author of three powerful dramas in contemporary women's fiction. Although each book is unique in the struggle presented, all three books have a common thread throughout...each one reflects deeply personal issues that any woman could have or has faced at some point in time in her life. Karen's main goal in covering such material is to show all women worldwide (by the way the main character in each book handles the situation she faces) that they're not alone in their circumstance. Through reading *The Christmas Wish*, *Love's Last Betrayal* or *Forever Remember* they can be encouraged and/or inspired to push through whatever struggle they face at the moment (no matter how big or small) and press on for a better future.

Karen's educational background is in the field of relationship psychology, holding several certificates in women's counseling and life skills management. She has written a self-help book for women in dysfunctional relationships that will be out in late 2007 as well as one she is currently working on (*The Other Side of Addiction*) that will follow shortly thereafter.

Prior to becoming a full-time author, Karen worked nationally as a contributing writer/editor for the New York Times newspaper group. At the local division, Karen worked closely with non-profit agencies in their marketing/promotions/advertising efforts, to create stronger public awareness and support of their charities. Shortly after 9/11, Karen left the NYT's Co. and moved to Ft. Worth, TX to spend one year in full-time volunteer service helping single parent women create a better life for themselves and their children.

Karen has four grown children: Christopher - 23, Joshua - 21, Jennifer - 19 and Nathan - almost 18. She currently lives in sunny Sarasota, FL with Joshua and Nathan and her grandson, Ethan Alexander. In her spare time she loves to read, write, travel and explore new locations for her upcoming books as well as exercise, attend church regularly and chase after her best friend and rising star...Ethan Alexander.