

Author Information

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- Hometown:** Amsterdam, NY
Occupation: Librarian, newspaper feature writer & teacher of adult education memoir classes
Education: B.A. Sociology, University at Buffalo, NY; M.S.L.S., Villanova University; Certificate of Advanced Study in Information Resource Management, Drexel University.
First published piece: "Letting Go and Holding On," *Welcome Home*, Nov. 1992.
Interests: Quilting, knitting, crochet, yoga, walking, kayaking, Unitarian Universalism, domestic violence prevention.

Publications

Book

- ♦ *Off Kilter: A Woman's Journey to Peace With Scoliosis, Her Mother, & Her Polish Heritage* (Pearlsong Press, April 2008).

Anthologies

- ♦ "Weeding in the Garden of Love," *A Cup of Comfort for Women in Love*, Adams Media, 2005.
- ♦ "Riding Grandma's Glider," *Rocking Chair Reader*, Adams Media, 2005.
- ♦ "Little Black Cat," *A Cup of Comfort for Sisters*, Adams Media, 2004.
- ♦ "Nights in Blue Gingham", *Chocolate for the Woman's Soul, Volume II*, Simon & Schuster, 2003.
- ♦ "Mrs. Brown's Tears," *The Circle Continues*, Innisfree Press, 2001.

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Literary Journals & E-zines: Nonfiction

- ◆ “My Grandfather’s Ear,” *Toasted Cheese*, March 2007.
- ◆ “My Mother’s Yardstick,” *Releasing Times*, July 2006.
- ◆ “Peacetalks: one woman’s passion,” *Quiet Mountain Essays*, Summer 2005.
- ◆ “Fledglings,” *Moondance*, February 2004.
- ◆ “Brett, Todd and Me,” *The Muse Apprentice*, Summer 2003.
- ◆ “My Body, My Self,” *Mindprints*, Volume III, 2003.
- ◆ “Little Black Cat,” *Mocha Memoirs*, November, 2002.
- ◆ “Whispers,” *Retrozine*, September, 2002.
- ◆ “Pedaling,” *Green Tricycle*, September, 2002.
- ◆ “Fledglings,” *The Rose and Thorn*, January/February 2002.
- ◆ “What He Left,” *The Griffin*, Spring 2001.
- ◆ “What He Left,” *Bucks County Writer*, Fall 2001.
- ◆ “Letting Go and Holding On”, *Welcome Home*, November 1992.

Literary Journals & E-zines: Fiction

- ◆ “What We Say,” *Out of Line*, 2007.
- ◆ “The Research Project,” *Long Story Short*, 2003.
- ◆ “Anything Could Happen,” *JAW Magazine*, Summer 2003.
- ◆ “Jungle Dreams,” *Cenotaph Pocket Edition*, October, 2002.
- ◆ “Midnight, Halfway to Phoenix,” *flashquake, volume 2*, issue 1, Fall 2002.

Essays & Articles: Mass Market

- ◆ “Female banana packers gain grounding in rights,” *Women’s E-News*, Nov. 23, 2006..
- ◆ “Passing on the Comfort,” *The Quilter Magazine*, March 2006.
- ◆ “Massage for the soul,” *Massage Magazine*, July/August 2005.
- ◆ “Forget fight or flight: it’s all about friendship,” *Philly Fit*, Feb/March 2005.
- ◆ “Reaching out, I found the heart of compassion,” *Christian Science Monitor*, Feb. 17, 2005.
- ◆ “Peacetalks,” *Women’s Independent Press*, July 2004.
- ◆ “Learning what counts in life,” *Philadelphia Inquirer*, March 2004.
- ◆ “Hope, Dreams...”, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, Jan. 4, 2004
- ◆ “What Lenny Left,” *Grit*, November 24, 2002.
- ◆ “Lessons from a Foiled Campout,” *Christian Science Monitor*, Aug. 15, 2002.
- ◆ “Fledglings,” *Nostalgia*, Summer 2002.
- ◆ “Fear At Fifty”, *Phoenix*, January, 2002.
- ◆ “A Better Way,” *Massage Magazine*, July/August 2001.
- ◆ “Malice Domestic – Your Cup of Tea?” *Active Times Magazine*, March 2000.

Broadcast Media

- ◆ “Brett, Todd and Me,” WAMC-FM, Albany, NY, *The Roundtable*, March 11, 2003.

Trade Publications

- ◆ “Sources for Pharmaceutical Industry Research”, *Business Information Alert*, October, 1998.
- ◆ “Biotech Competitive Intelligence”, *Cyberskeptic’s Guide to Internet Research*, October 1998.
- ◆ “BioSpace: A Free Hub for Biotech Information,” *Info.Alert*, June 1998.
- ◆ “5 Great U.S. Government Web Sites for Research,” *Info.Alert*, May 1998.
- ◆ “InteliHealth for Medical and Drug Information,” *Info.Alert*, March 1998.
- ◆ “Research a City Before You Leave on a Trip,” *Info.Alert*, January 1998.
- ◆ “WebFerret: A Fast New Metasearch Engine,” *Info.Alert*, December 1997.
- ◆ “IBM infoMarket: You Pay Only for What You Use,” *Info.Alert*, August 1997.
- ◆ “How to Research Industries With Dialog,” *Info.Alert*, June 1997.
- ◆ “How to Find Business Financing Online,” *Info.Alert*, April 1997.
- ◆ “Where to Find Market Research for Free,” *Info.Alert*, February 1997.

Awards

- ◆ First prize, *Mom Writers Literary Magazine*, Summer Short Fiction contest, for “We Believe You to Be Our Mother,” September 2007.
- ◆ Third prize, Bucks County Writers Workshop summer writing contest, for “What We Say When We Don’t Know What to Do,” Aug. 9, 2005.
- ◆ Second prize, creative nonfiction, Philadelphia Writers Conference, for “A Connecting Thread,” June 2004.
- ◆ Nominated for *The Pushcart Prize: Best of the Small Presses, 2003*, for “My Body, My Self,” published in *Mindprints*, Vol III, 2003.
- ◆ Second prize for fiction, first *JAW Magazine* contest, for “Anything Could Happen,” Summer, 2003.
- ◆ Special honorable mention, *Byline Magazine* Profile Contest, for “Peace Talks,” May 2003.
- ◆ Second prize, *Writers Lounge* True Love True Tales Contest, for “Weeding in the Garden of Love,” May 2002.
- ◆ Honorable Mention, *Byline Magazine* Memoir Contest, for “Whispers,” April 2002.
- ◆ Fourth prize, *By Line Magazine* New Talent Short Story Contest, for “We Believe You to Be Our Mother,” November 2001.
- ◆ Honorable Mention, Baltimore Writers’ Alliance Micro-Fiction Contest, for “We Believe You to Be Our Mother,” Sept. 24, 2001.

Professional Memberships

- ◆ International Women's Writing Guild, 1999 to present: regional representative
- ◆ Story Circle Network, 1999 to present: member, board of directors, 2007-2010; contributing editor, *Story Circle Journal*; assistant editor, book reviews.
- ◆ New York Folklore Society, 2003 to present
- ◆ Past member:
 - Medical Library Association, Philadelphia chapter, 1980-1989; board member, 1984-85
 - Special Libraries Association, 1980-1990
 - Association of Independent Information Professionals, 1992-2000

Pertinent Book-Related Information

For Amsterdam, NY & New York City Area

- ◆ Much of *Off Kilter* takes place in **Amsterdam, NY**.
- ◆ Linda Wisniewski was born in Amsterdam, NY and lived there to the age of 18.
- ◆ Linda attended **Hudson Valley Community College** in **Troy, NY**.
- ◆ Linda graduated from **Amsterdam High School** and **St. Stanislaus Parochial** in **Amsterdam, NY**.
- ◆ Linda has aunts, uncles, cousins and friends in the **Amsterdam** area.
- ◆ Linda attends the national conference of the **International Women's Writing Guild (IWWG)** at **Skidmore College** in **Saratoga Springs, NY**.
- ◆ Linda is a member of the **New York Folklore Society**.
- ◆ Linda attends the Big Apple IWWG conference in **Manhattan** in October and April.

For Doylestown & Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Area:

- ◆ Linda has lived in **Bucks County** since 1969.
- ◆ Linda has attended the **Writers Room**, the **Bucks County Writers Workshop**, the **Philadelphia Writers Conference**, and the **Montgomery County Community College Writers Conference**.
- ◆ Linda will present a workshop at the **Lehigh Valley Writers Group** conference in the spring of 2008.
- ◆ Linda teaches memoir writing classes at retirement centers and for **Bucks County Community College**.
- ◆ Linda writes feature stories for the *Bucks County Herald* newspaper.

For the Austin, Texas Area

- ◆ Linda is a board member of **Story Circle Network**, with headquarters in **Austin**.
- ◆ Linda will present a workshop on writing about ethnicity at the national conference of SCN in Austin in Feb. 2008.

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