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OVERVIEW

Freelance writer, creative writing teacher, copyeditor, blogger and author with a background working in the newsroom and freelancing for newspapers and magazines, teaching creative writing to youth and adults and writing, publishing and marketing an indie award-winning memoir. Passionate about the written word and the power of story to inform and transform lives.

WRITING & EDITING

Freelance Writer

2015

- Recently published in Elephant Journal.

Indie Author

August 2010 - present

- Author of coming-of-age indie book *Being Ana: a memoir of anorexia nervosa*. (Winner of 2011 Next Generation Indie Book Awards in the Memoir category; Winner of 2011 Indie Excellence Awards in the Women's Health Category and Finalist in 2010 Foreword Reviews Book of the Year Award in the Memoir and Women's Issues categories.)

Freelance Features Writer and Columnist

2003–2008, Cape Town, South Africa

- Conceptualized, wrote and edited 100+ feature articles and columns (500-2500 words) on lifestyle, culture, travel, health, women's issues and human-interest profiles for national newspapers and magazines.
- Regularly contributed to *The Mail & Guardian's* women's issues' "Body Language" column and *The Sunday Times'* "Accidental Tourist" travel column.

Newspaper Copy Editor

2005–2008, *The Cape Times*, Cape Town, South Africa

- Wrote front-page headlines, proofread and copyedited hard news, features and columns for grammatical errors and story structure for a national newspaper.

TEACHING: CREATIVE WRITING

Creative Writing Teacher

2013-2015, Berkeley, CA

- Conceptualized, outlined and taught private creative writing workshops to adults.
- Created Birth Story Writing Workshops and Creative Writing For All Types.

2009–2011, Seattle, WA

- Conceptualized, outlined and taught 6-week long beginner creative writing class titled "The Sound of Words" to adults at Seattle Central Community College.

College English Tutor

2009–2011, Seattle, WA

- Tutored college students in English grammar, thesis development and creative writing skills for academic papers and personal essays.

DOCUMENTARY & FILM

Documentary Researcher and Reviewer

2005–2007, Cape Town, South Africa.

- Researched and reviewed documentaries for South Africa's Encounters International Documentary Film Festival. Interviewed film directors and wrote newspaper articles.

Crew Consultant

1997–2000, Cape Town, South Africa.

- Independent contractor for set building, art department and lighting department on local and international films and commercials.

OUTREACH

Program Assistant

2010–2011, Seattle, WA

- Program assistant for the National Eating Disorders Association. Secured partnership with 50 like-minded organizations nationwide and co-produced the 2011 National Eating Disorders Awareness Week national campaign.

Art Teacher

2000–2002, Cape Town, South Africa.

- Taught art and creative thinking to at-risk street youth.

VOLUNTEER WORK

- Secondary Bilingual Orientation Center—English Tutor, 2009, Seattle, WA
- Seattle Central ESL Program—English/ESL Tutor, 2009, Seattle, WA
- Group Health Chronic Conditions Workshop—Group Leader, 2008, Seattle, WA
- Women's Addiction/Recovery Group—Group Leader, 2001, South Africa
- Independent Complaints Directorate—Intake facilitator, 1997, South Africa
- Independent Electoral Commission—Voters' Educator, 1994, South Africa

EDUCATION

Self-taught, independent writing professional having learned the art and craft of writing from doing apprenticeships with professional journalists and shadowing writers and through the daily practice of writing, editing, rewriting and publishing work. A decade of hands-on work in the writing industry serves as the experiential equivalent to a BA in journalism/creative writing.
