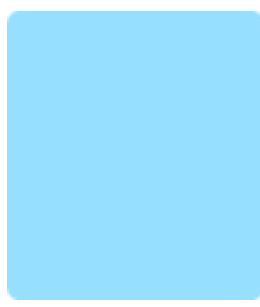
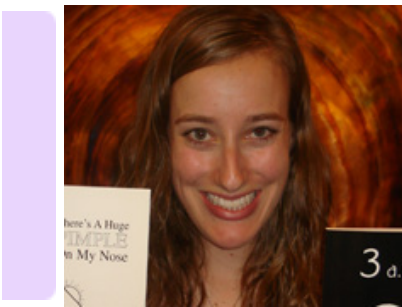




Write On! For Literacy Newsletter April 2010



NEWS & EVENTS

Submissions for the first Write On! anthology are accepted until March 23!

We are looking for poetry, short stories, and essays (less than eight double-spaced pages) written by kids and teens in elementary school, middle school and high school. Email submissions to dallaswoodburn@aol.com. More info can be found at www.writeonbooks.org.

My essay "A Love Letter to Norwich, England" was **published in The Litter Box** magazine. Read it [here](#).

My essay "From Almost Famous ... to the Cutting-Room Floor" was **published on the WOW! Women on Writing blog**. Read it [here](#).

THANK YOU FOR VOTING!!!

Hi everyone!

About a month ago I shared that my youth literacy foundation "Write On!" was a finalist in the **Glamour Magazine/Sally Hansen "Best of You" contest**. I would like to thank you all for your kind words of support and for taking the time to vote for me on the contest website. I was blown away by your amazing and positive response.

I just found out that **Write On! is one of four grand-prize WINNERS!!!** The prize is a generous grant for Write On! projects plus a three-day trip to NYC to be in a photo shoot for a future issue of the magazine. This will be such wonderful exposure to help spread the word about Write On! I am absolutely thrilled.

Also, we helped raise more than \$5,000 for DKMS, the

[here](#).

Thanks to the **IndieReader website** for featuring the story of my "Indie Publishing Journey" on their website. Read it [here](#).

Thank you to the **USC Associates for having me as a guest speaker at their 25th Anniversary Gala**. It was a truly wonderful event, and I feel honored to have been included!

Thanks to **Girls, Inc. of Santa Barbara** for having me as a guest speaker! What a wonderful organization. For more info about Girls, Inc. visit their [website](#).

Thank you to the **Ventura Soroptimists** for having me speak at their March meeting.

Thank you to the **AAUW Authors Forum in Santa Maria** for their continued support.

I'm speaking at the **Day with an Author at CAPE School in Camarillo** on March 24th. I'm really looking forward to sharing my story with students!

My brother Greg was featured in the March 8th issue of People Magazine for his nonprofit foundation [Share Our Soles!](#) I am so proud of him!

Also, **we helped raise more than \$5,000 for DKMS**, the world's largest bone marrow donation center. Thank you!!

Have a wonderful week! I've spent all morning dancing around my living room! :)

Best wishes always,
Dallas

OUR PICK OF THE MONTH: *THE I LOVE TO WRITE BOOK*

On November 15, 2002, John Riddle started "I Love To Write Day" – what he describes as "the world's biggest party for writers" – to encourage people across the globe to put pen to paper in some form, whether that be writing a letter or finishing a novel. He says, "I believe that people need to be challenged, and writing is one of the many creative ways to express yourself."

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for teachers who want to incorporate more fun writing activities into their lesson plans.

The I Love To Write Book is a practical and tip-filled writing handbook, but even more than that it is a wonderful reminder to embrace the joy, discovery, and fulfillment that comes from expressing yourself through writing. Here's hoping that in 2010, every day is I Love to Write Day!