

Bryan, Neva

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BIOGRAPHY

Neva Bryan was born in Eastern Kentucky and grew up in the coalfield mountains of Virginia. She wrote her first short story at the age of eleven.

She describes her writing as Appalachian gothic. With a focus on landscape and environment, culture, and social issues, her work features elements of horror, science fiction, fantasy, and crime. Neva is keenly interested in women's empowerment, the inner world of children, and the intersection of memory, grief, and time. Her literary influences include Ray Bradbury, Shirley Jackson, Stephen King, Ron Rash, Silas House, Alice Hoffman, and Flannery O'Connor.

She received a Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and a Master of Professional Writing from Chatham University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Neva served as Director of Career Discovery at the University of Virginia's College at Wise for nearly ten years before being named Senior Director of Academic Enhancement and Coordinator of National Awards and Fellowships.

Neva has given readings and led workshops at the Southern Literary Festival, Virginia Writers Club Symposium, Roanoke Regional Writers Conference, Appalachian Studies Association Conference, Southern Appalachian Writers Cooperative Gathering, Appalachian Writers Workshop, and the Appalachian Writers Association Conference. In addition, she has worked frequently with public libraries and schools to provide readings and workshops for children and young adults.

She lives with her husband, Daniel, and a redbone hound named Smiley Cyrus in Wise County, Virginia.

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"Autumn Sacrifice." Poetry. 2006 Explorations, MECC, Third Place.

"Dirty Secret." Poetry. 2006 Explorations, MECC, Honorable Mention.

"The Pawpaw Tree." Short Story. 2006 Explorations, MECC, Second Place.

"June." Short Story. 2005 Lonesome Pine Short Story Contest, Second Place.

“Husband.” Poetry. 2005 Explorations, MECC, First Place.

“Fickle Memory.” Poetry. 2005 Explorations, MECC, Second Place.

“Partypooper.” Poetry. 2005 Lonesome Pine Poetry Contest, Third Place.

“Outhouse Lilies.” Short Story. 2003 Lost State Writers Conference, Scholarship Winner.

“Lonely Hollow.” Short Story. 2003 Sherwood Anderson Short Story Contest, Second Place.

“Lunch Hour.” Poetry. 1997 Virginia Highlands Festival Creative Writing Contest, Second Place.

“The Terrapin Herder.” Short-Short Story. 1995 Virginia Highlands Festival Creative Writing Contest, Third Place.