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My Mother's Bipolar, So What am I?

Angela Grett announces the release of her new book, **My Mother's Bipolar, So What Am I?** The book was published by Booksurge and is available on Amazon.com. Read more about bipolar disorder on Angela's Web site: www.childrenofbipolar.com.

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On Mattering

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It is April 1 and my conscious mind woke before dawn as usual. That I was alone in bed, the bed I've shared for 2 plus years with my husband, was *not* usual. With no place to be until my 6:30 a.m. running date, I luxuriated in the dark and stretched my legs the entire width of the queen size mattress and felt pleased with time to ruminate over the events of yesterday. They are major events and as such take time to sink in like marriage or child birth.

Yesterday was the official end of my 30-year career in commercial real estate in California, Texas, Louisiana and Tennessee. No biggie, really. The question will be whether or not to renew my broker's license when it is due to expire at the end of December. The bigger question is, if I do, what does that say? That I fear failing at a new endeavor so far removed from real estate? Or simply that I'll always love real estate, architecture, change?

That was one aspect. The other was saying goodbye to people who I have been involved with on a daily basis for years. Of course they had become family and like family, the warts rose to the surface along with the other flaws and occasional foible but when the end was in sight, we became beautiful again to each other. The last hugs were heavy with memory, loss and tears. I felt loved and that I had mattered.

Yesterday was my husband's mother's funeral. She was a mentally and physically frail woman from the time I first met her and she had developed pneumonia in the nursing home in Nebraska and was unable to overcome it. My precious, level headed husband coordinated the details of her remains and kept in contact with relatives. On the way to the airport, having calculated an hour to spare before departure, he was horror stricken to realize that his driver's license was not on him. Good thing I, Devil Woman, was at the wheel. Home we flew, defying speed limits, stop signs, stop lights and all other courtesies and laws of the road. The license was retrieved and we arrived at the airport with 30 minutes to spare. I left him at the curb to bury his mother while I went downtown to bury a career.

When his name came up on my cell phone 25 minutes later, I knew there was trouble. He was stuck with hundreds of others travelers due to inoperable airport security systems. As if the driver's license and death of his mother wasn't enough to twist his sensitive guts into a knot, he would now miss the flight to Memphis and the connecting flight to Des Moines. If his rental car was still available, he would have to morph into a road devil himself to make the hour drive from Des Moines to the funeral parlor in time. The passing of a life and the gathering and honoring of it matters.

The third event yesterday was that our friend Ellen, nearly 60, left for seven days on some kind of mental/emotional rehabilitation. She will be without phone or television and will be sequestered in close quarters with others in a retreat environment. She is a level-headed woman, and smart, an animal lover and our favorite movie buff. For

Books by Yvonne Perry

Books written and published
by Yvonne Perry



Yvonne is the author of several children's books, a humorous book about raising teenagers during mid-life crisis, and a newly released book entitled *More Than Meets the Eye*, which provides comfort to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

her to admit that she was unhappy, lonely and feeling invisible and insignificant was huge for her. She took this step, quietly praying for the experience to be life changing. When I thought of her early this morning, I realized that she, too, needed to matter.

We stand together on common ground in our need to matter. Ellen matters to us, we matter to her, Jeff's mother mattered to him, and he matters to me. I leave you now to join my running pals because we, too, matter to each other.

What matters to you?

Barbara Sharp is a member of the Write On! Creative Writing Services team. Her non-fiction writing interests include women's health, lifestyles, human interest stories, personal biographies and research projects.

We Need Your Speeches!

Donna Buchanan and Yvonne Perry are compiling speeches for a new book. *Heartily Speaking: Inspirational Writings to Warm the Heart* will be a resource for people who need to give a speech, but don't have a lot of time to prepare. It will also be an uplifting read for anyone needing encouragement.

The book will be a compilation of speeches from people all over the U.S. who have an heartfelt message to share with others. Appropriate topics are: courage, faith, overcoming obstacles, perseverance, positive thinking, attitude, you reap what you sow, spiritual (non-religious) encouragement, etc. The speeches need to be generic or universal so anyone may present them; however, a few personal references are okay if used to illustrate a point.

In particular, I am looking for speeches about how to overcome unexpected change or tragedy. We've had so much chaos in this country in the past few years: the Florida hurricanes and devastation in the Gulf of Mexico, our soldiers being killed in war, etc. Additionally, I'd love to include a tribute to Princess Diana and Mother Teresa—two of my favorite famous women.

Speech contributors will not receive royalties; however, your name will appear as the author of any speech you submit, and a short bio about you will be included in the book. Donna and Yvonne will have the right to print, publish, market and distribute the book itself, but the contributing writer of each speech will retain full rights to their speech after the book is published. It's a great way to get your work published!

Please feel free to forward this message to your friends. Our goal is to collect 50 speeches by June 1, 2006. You may send your speeches or inquiries to write_on_yvonne@comcast.net or growthinspeaking@bellsouth.net.

Meet and Network with Other Writers

The Nashville Writer's Meetup Group meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM at Borders Books & Music, 2501 West End Ave Nashville, TN 37203 across from Centennial Park. Our writers enjoy the networking and brainstorming offered by this group and highly recommend anyone in the Nashville interested in writing, editing, publishing and marketing a book attend the meetings. [Visit The Nashville Writers Meetup Group.](#)

Yahoo Meetup groups are geographically based in particular areas. If you are not local to Nashville, TN, chances are there is a Meetup group in your town. Search by zipcode at <http://www.meetup.com/browse/>

The Perfect Bio

Everyone needs a biography. A personal bio truthfully tells who you are, states your credentials in a relevant way and helps others feel they can trust you. A business bio clearly and concisely describes what you do and entices a customer to consider the services or products you have to offer.

Yvonne Perry will be teaching a class in the Nashville area through Antara Center where she will personally instruct you and help you write your own dynamic description about yourself or your business. Your personal bio may be used to introduce you as a public speaker. Your business bio will be suitable for submission in a commerce directory. Either may be used on your website or in a brochure. Sign up now and let's have fun creating the perfect bio!

Finding Your Bliss

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I'll never forget an experiential workshop I attended in Nashville, several years ago, with the spiritual teacher Jean Houston. She invited us (as participants in her workshop audience) to "act out" what it was, we could see ourselves doing five years into the future. Everyone around me started mimicking the movements of designing something, creating, typing, etc. But me? I wanted to be up on stage doing what Jean Houston was doing.

She stood there (in front of hundreds of us) and challenged us to step into the role. It was now or never. I was frozen! How could I go down there, and stand in front of all those people, and act like I was inspiring them? I moved toward the stage with trepidation. While she was taking a break, I stood up in front of the audience (most of whom were totally ignoring me and doing their own thing), and started to act like I was speaking as the motivational, inspiring, powerhouse that I was destined to become. What an experience! Some people looked at me, and I knew, that they KNEW, that I was doing my thing. Some looked away, still trying to figure out what they were supposed to be doing. I'll never forget that experience; how embarrassed I was to step on that stage, and how empowered I felt, just going for it.

Several years later, I attended another exciting experiential workshop - Secrets of the Millionaire Mind with T. Harv Ekerd. I was in the front row and the woman, seated behind me, volunteered to be my partner. So I wouldn't have to lean backwards for the next 20 minutes during our discussion, I stood up, turned my chair around, and BOOM, there I was, again facing hundreds of people. They were all busy doing their experiential thing. And this feeling of "YOU'RE HOME" came over me. I could feel the tingling sensation in my fingertips. I was indeed home! Being in front of people has never been a challenge for me (except that first time with Jean Houston). I knew, at that moment, as I know now, as sure as I'm breathing, that it's what I'm naturally meant to do.

What makes your skin tingle just thinking about it? What makes YOU feel alive? These are the keys to figuring out the puzzle of YOUR life. Think about your greatest trauma and the pain that you experienced from that event. I've heard great teachers say, "Out of your greatest trauma, comes the clue to what you should be doing with your life."

Think BIG. Where do YOU want to be five years from now? In your mind's eye, STEP INTO THAT ROLE, and then, from that position, look back at yourself to see what you used to be like. It is an empowering experience, and one I encourage you to do, VERY, VERY SOON, so that you can start on the path of enlightenment.

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Blog, Blog, Blog

Blogging is the new rage, but what is a blog? A blog is an Internet site where you may find information or purchase products, but a blog features something Web sites do not. A blog has an interactive feature that allows visitors to post comments and questions about a particular topic. You may have the answer to a question someone else asked or you may have a question about something on the site.

Write On! Creative Writing Services has a blog at <http://yvonneperry.typepad.com/guestwriters/> where you may read articles, post comments and ask questions regarding writing, editing and publishing. We invite you to visit us online and give us your feedback.

About the Write On Team

Write On! Creative Writing Services announces three new writers to the team:

Taryn Simpson is an author, screenwriter, playwright, and columnist. Her latest published novel is *Glittering Secrets*-a thriller set in Nashville, Tennessee quickly gaining attention among suspense book lovers everywhere. Taryn enjoys rave reviews by Project Greenlight for her screenplay, *Conversations with Pearl* and was featured at the Southern Festival of Books in 2002. Ms. Simpson also is a contributing columnist for *American Chronicles*. Her column is based upon her office humor book, *The Underbelly of the HR Professional* as well as *Rise!*-a nationally distributed New York magazine with a target audience of college and young professionals in the business world. Taryn is interested in working with clients needing assistance with marketing pieces (brochures, tag lines etc.), newsletters, articles, press releases and fiction novels.

As a writer, speaker, filmmaker and activist, Molly Secours has been called an "uncompromising fighter for racial equity and social justice." As a strong presence in the community, Secours has used her skills as a writer and orator to challenge state and local officials. Her writings have been published by over 50 mainstream and internet magazines and newspapers. Molly has written for Nashville City Paper, z-net magazine and many other progressive publications, and is a contributing writer in a book published by Harper Collins titled *Should America Pay?*

Kate Garvey is an information and telecommunication professional, who has authored numerous manuals and booklets designed for end-users. She has also contributed to online help text for software development companies both in California and Tennessee. As president of the Real Estate Investors of Nashville, Kate regularly contributed a motivational column to the REIN Newsletter. Her first book, *The Low Risk Guide to Real Estate Investment*, was published in 2005. Her newest release, *Loving and Leaving*, is from her forthcoming *People with Pets* series. Kate has a Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin, holds a Tennessee Real Estate License, and is a level II Reiki practitioner and level II Accutronics practitioner (sound healing). She has studied spirituality and healing practices with Native American elders. Kate's writing interests include information technology, telecommunications, real estate investment, management and consulting, pet care, alternative health care, and issues pertaining to addiction and recovery.

Welcome Taryn, Molly and Kate!