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Nancy R. Poland

Through her experience as a caregiver for her premature son, a foster child, grandparents and parents, Nancy Poland seeks to better the lives of caregivers and their loved ones through her writing and speaking. A life-long resident of the Twin Cities, she and her husband John raised two sons and continue to contribute to their communities. Professionally, Nancy manages contracts and grants where she utilizes her writing and negotiation skills to support the mission of Be the Match®. As a volunteer Community Educator for the Alzheimer’s Association, Nancy provides education about dementia. She is a past Minnesota Women of Today State President, and in her spare time she likes to read, travel, and watch detective shows.

Book titles include:

- Dancing With Lewy: A Father Daughter Dance Before and After Lewy Body Dementia Came to Live With Us
- Remarkable Caregiving: The Care of Family and Friends



Carol resides in New Hope, MN. She writes Paranormal fiction series - an Irish ghost story with a romance geared towards 15+ but geared towards adults.

Carol Maschke

Carol has a BA in English from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. She began writing stories as a child. It was a way to fuel her imagination and channel her creative energies into something tangible.

She blames the original gothic daytime drama – Dark Shadows for her love of the paranormal, and the Wizard of Oz for her love of fantasy and Cairn Terriers. She lives with her Cairn Terriers in Minnesota and competes with her furry friends in conformation, agility, obedience, and other dog sports. They have trained her to take good care of them.

Book titles include:

- The Gaelic Moon Series
  - Book 1:** Ghost of the Gaelic Moon
  - Book 2:** Call of the Gaelic Moon



June resides in Andover, MN. She has written and published ten books in a variety of genres. They include children’s picture books (3); novels about young girls (not boy/girl) (2); paranormal history (2); local history (2); Civil War biography (1); and a guidebook on how to publish your book to accompany the class she teaches.

June Irene Anderson

As an author and independent publisher, Grannygirl Press, June has had the opportunity to publish what she writes and helps other aspiring authors to publish their work as well. This has opened many doors for her, speaking both in person and podcast interviews and meeting many wonderful people along the way. She is currently part of a theater group, Jewels of deNial, three senior women and a guy. They write and perform original radio plays that are funny, fun, and relevant to the lives of seniors.

Book titles include:

- Shades of Childhood
- Fish Tales: The Wiggles’ Worm Farm
- The Shaman Stone
- The Flip-flop Year
- Digging up the Past—Unearthing the Stories of Anoka County
- The Haunting of the Anoka Masonic Lodge
- History and Haunting of the Emerald Isle
- Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Granger, Grant, and Grandpa
- How to Publish Your Book and Not Go Broke
- Minnesota Recipients of the Medal of Honor, a DAR book to which she contributed biographies, edited, and published.



Cheryl resides in Brooklyn Park, MN. She wrote a children's picture book for Elementary aged-children, K-5.

Cheryl Stephani

Cheryl brings her educational background teaching at the elementary and post-graduate levels to her writing through her knowledge of best practice in literacy skill instruction. Cheryl’s experience with teaching reading interventions to young readers has inspired her writing style to include accessible high-level vocabulary. *Big Cat, Little Fox* has been featured in Minnesota Parent Magazine and Story Monsters, Ink publication. She lives with her husband and Big Cat, her Maine Coon. She has three daughters, three granddaughters and two stepchildren.

Book titles include:

- Big Cat, Little Fox



Nancy resides in Arden Hills, MN. She writes books for mature young adults and adults. Her books have universal themes and are intended and enjoyed by a wide audience. Her books contain LGBTQ characters, but you don't have to be gay to enjoy them. There is humor, mystery, and romance in her trilogy: Bend, Stray, and Rise. All the books stand alone, but are best enjoyed in order.

Nandy J Hedin

Nancy has been a pastor and a bartender at the same time; a stand-up comic and a crisis social worker at the same time. She lives in St. Paul, MN with her wife and daughters.

Book titles include:

- Her first novel Bend (2017) won a Goldie for Debut Novel of the Year and was named one of twenty-five novels to read for Pride by Barnes & Noble. Stray (2019) was a finalist for a Minnesota Book Award and Rise (2021) complete the Bend trilogy.
- Old Love has new characters and new town. Mary Caine is pushing sixty and still in love with her first love who is coming back to town after being away for thirty years. Two deaths in Whistler, MN put Mary, her dog Bob Barker and her talking crow on the hunt for a killer. Old Love was published by Bella Press (2021).
- The Spell is a romantic romp and contains magical realism. Waverly and Jewel come across a spell that allows them to enter into a painting and experience the artist's intent. Imagine entering a painting of puppies or Jesus and Mary or a painting of someone you loved and lost. Magic, mischief, and mayhem ensue when these two women use the spell. The Spell was published by NineStar Press (2021).

Janet resides in Apple Valley, MN. She writes for adults, young adult and middle grade fiction, and picture books.

Janet Graber

Janet was born in the middle of WWII in England. She traveled widely before settling in the United States. Her young adult, middle-grade, and picture books have been published by Henry Holt, Marshal Cavendish, and Roaring Brook Press. Awards include a McKnight Fellowship in Children's Literature, Minnesota Book Award Finalist, a Junior Library Guild Selection, and an Association of Educational Publishers Distinguished Achievement Award. She taught occasionally at the Loft Literary Center in Minneapolis, and mentors writers in her home.

Book titles include:

- The Sting of Love (a historical novel for adults)
- The Secret Chamber of Gwendoline Riston (a historical novel for older children about a girl who survives the bubonic plague by isolating herself from the rest of her village.)
- Malcolm Mouse, Explorer (a tale for younger readers of a very brave mouse who saves the residents of Balmoral Castle from extermination, ordered by the Queen.)



El resides in Coon Rapids, MN. She writes Middle Grade/Young Adult Fantasy Adventure.

El Holly

El enjoys writing a lot, but her heart is taken by the fantasy genre. When she isn’t writing, she reads, teaches, drinks coffee, and goes on adventures with her family. She lives in Minnesota with her husband, their two kids, and her favorite fluffball, Mack.

Book titles include:

- Phantasmic Wars series (This series is for ages 8+)  
**Book 1:** The Book of Imagination  
**Book 2:** The Quest for the Artifacts  
**Book 3:** The Waking of the Nightmares  
**Book 4:** The Hunt for the Five  
**Book 5:** The Return to Phantasmagoria
- Finding Fae trilogy (This trilogy is for young adults, so 12/13+) - only book 1 is out currently.  
**Book 1:** Finding Fae  
**Book 2:** will be released later in 2022!
- Poetry (The book of poetry is for older teens/adults.)  
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Brenda resides in Coon Rapids, MN. She writes adult horror/paranormal mysteries.

Brenda Lyne

Brenda Lyne is the pseudonym of author Jennifer DeVries. She lives with her two busy kids, two cats, two fish, and probably a partridge in a pear tree. She is living, breathing proof that it is never too late to follow your dreams.

Book titles include:

- Charlie's Mirror
- Sister Lost