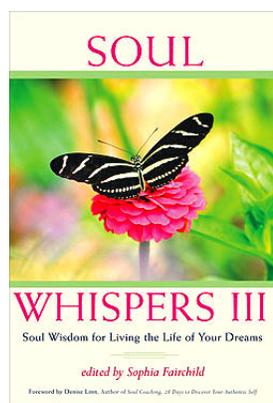




Getting to know the Authors of

Soul Whispers III

Soul Wisdom for Living the Life of Your Dreams



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SWP: Tell us a bit about your background.

Growing up, I was very creative. I enjoyed writing poetry and creating scrapbooks and journals. I had many friends and was encouraged from a young age to appreciate and embrace the beauty of our uniqueness as human beings. As an adult, I was an Army wife and I enjoyed exploring the world and its people through our travel opportunities. Professionally, I've pursued dreams that have centered on teaching, creativity, and Spirit. I earned my Master of Science degree in Holistic Ministries and I continue to expand my skills in spiritual direction, drumming,

Reiki, card reading, life coaching, art and dream work.

SWP: What brings you the greatest joy in life?

Learning, exploring, creating and connecting! I am honored when I am invited to walk alongside people as they grow and discover who they are becoming and the gifts their lives bring to the world.

SWP: What inspires you to write and why?

I am inspired by nature, my creative adventures, and the joy of bumping into others who are dancing with life and sharing their divinely human experiences. We all have our own unique stories and voices, but there is often a thread of someone else's experience that makes us say "Yes! I so get that!" I like to look for those threads in my life, and share them with people. It's a way of connecting with others, of validating our experience, and offering a light on what can sometimes feel like a dark or lonely path.

SWP: What inspired you to write your chapter for *Soul Whispers III*?

Two things inspired me to contribute to this beautiful work. Oracle cards! I love them... the beautiful art, the unique story, the possibilities. These precious little tools are so valuable in helping us delve deeper into the treasure of our souls, and I wanted to show people how powerful and accessible they can be. Secondly, it was a wonderful opportunity to tell the story of what Denise Linn and her Soul Coaching® certification experience meant to me. It is a pleasure to be one among so many other 'bright lights', authors who inspire others with their authentic experiences.

SWP: Did you learn anything from the process of writing your chapter?

Probably the most important thing I learned from this writing process was to tell those personal stories and experiences so that others could find a common thread, a connection. I wanted to really be able to show people, through the power of story, parts of my journey of self-discovery. Reading about the experiences of others helps people connect with how oracle cards can benefit them as they move forward on their journeys.

SWP: What books have most influenced your life?

Conversations with God, Book One by Neale Donald Walsh and *Wisdom Walk: Nine Practices for Creating Peace and Balance from the World's Spiritual Traditions* by Sage Bennet, PhD, are the two books that set me on the path many years ago toward a beautiful exploration of my own Divine nature. They opened the doors in my mind and heart to a deeper experience of my life, and I was inspired to further my education. In truth, though, there are oh, so many books... powerful stories, myths, metaphors, and adventures! I am a “happy ending” girl, so I enjoy stories that end hopefully and positively. I love myths, legends and fairy tales... the hero’s journey and lots of metaphorical meaning are among the best. Many of my special favorites are children’s story books, which I collect and share with the precious “little people” in my life.

SWP: What are your current writing projects now?

Speaking of children’s story books... I have written a beautiful story about a boy who sets out in the forest to find his rhythm. I am currently seeking an illustrator and a publisher. In the meantime, I write on my blog at MyKaleidoscopeVillage.com, and I am also in the planning stages of creating a deck of oracle cards. As a personal spiritual practice, I enjoy writing Haiku and other forms of poetry.

SWP: What dreams have been realized as a result of your writing?

This beautiful book! It is such a delight to be part of something inspiring and uplifting... and permanent! My love of books has always included a dream to one day hold one that had my name on it. It’s a heady experience, and one I will treasure always. It’s just the beginning...

SWP: Where can we purchase the book?

Signed and blessed copies are available at my website, www.MyKaleidoscopeVillage.com