



DAWN RENO LANGLEY

Award-winning Author, Editor, Writing Coach

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ABOUT DAWN RENO LANGLEY

Long Bio



Dawn Reno Langley is a writer, theater critic, mosaic artist, and educator, who has devoted her life to giving a voice to social justice issues.

Her first article, published at the tender age of nine, questioned the likelihood of an attack on U.S. soil during the Cuban missile crisis, and she believes that's when her predilection toward writing about sensitive topics began.

Her books range from nonfiction works on art and antiques to children's books, and she has been published by two of the Big 5 New York publishers, has had several books published by independent traditional publishers, and has re-released some of those books on a nontraditional platform. This has enabled her to understand publishing in a way few others can.

Langley's novels, such as *The Silver Dolphin* and *The Mourning Parade*, examine socially relevant topics like environmental issues. Whether it's fighting for Asian elephants or spreading the word about civil rights issues or educating collectors about the value of Native American art, she writes about the topics that are close to her heart.

As a Fulbright scholar, Langley spent time at various universities in Pakistan and still works closely with several through their PhD mentoring programs and is on the board of trustees for several academic journals based there. In both her PhD and MFA studies, she researched journals and how writers use them, leading her to develop *The Writer's Hand Journals*—a series of journals designed for writers and readers.

Her upcoming book, *You Are Divine: A Search for the Goddess in All of Us* (Llewellyn, 2022), discusses the role of female religious icons in contemporary life. With a wide and brightly positive brush, she discusses goddesses, saints and philosophical leaders, offering personal commentary as well as scholarly research. Currently, she's outlining a new novel, as well as awaiting word on an edited novel she recently sent to her agent. Announcements about both should be coming soon.

But her role as grandmother is the most important. When she spends time with her grandson or with her many step-grandchildren, she feels more fulfilled than at any other time, and it is for those children that she continues spreading the word about community and global issues that will affect families for many years to come.

Short Bio

Dawn Reno Langley is a writer, theater critic, editor, writing coach, and educator, who has devoted her life to social justice issues.

After her first article, published at the tender age of nine, questioned the likelihood of an attack on U.S. soil during the Cuban missile crisis, she found her voice. Langley's novels, such as *The Silver Dolphin* and *The Mourning Parade*, examine socially relevant topics like environmental issues. Her upcoming book, *You Are Divine: A Search for the Goddess in All of Us* (Llewellyn, 2022), discusses the role of female religious icons in contemporary life and how each woman embodies divine traits.

Langley has been published by two of the Big 5 New York publishers, has had several books published by independent traditional publishers, and has re-released some of those books on a nontraditional platform.

She holds an MFA from Vermont College, a PhD from the Union Institute and University, and is president of Rewired Creatives, Inc.

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BOOKS BY DAWN RENO LANGLEY

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COMING SOON

You Are Divine: A Search for the Goddess in All of Us (Llewellyn, 2022) — In *You Are the Divine Feminine*, I explore the role of female religious icons in contemporary life. With a wide and brightly positive brush, I discuss goddesses, saints and philosophical leaders, offering personal commentary as well as scholarly research.

NOVELS

Adult Novels

The Mourning Parade (Amberjack Publishing, 2017) — Natalie DeAngelo lost everything the day her two young sons were killed in a school shooting. Desperate to find relief from her unspeakable loss, she volunteers as a veterinarian on an elephant sanctuary in Thailand, but soon realizes she may be in over her head. Battling the memories that torment her day and night, Natalie must find a way to heal an angry, injured elephant named Sophie. Through love, acceptance, and gentle care, Natalie and Sophie heal together, finding new ways to enjoy life again.

All That Glitters (Kensington Publishing; First edition; Rewired Creatives, Inc.; Second edition 2016) — Diana Colucci had what it took to get to the very top: the dream of making a name for herself in the world of international antiques—and the beauty and brains to turn her fantasies into breathtaking reality. Leaving the crowded tenements of her girlhood far behind, she became the protégé of a fabulously wealthy Boston Brahmin—moving from the high society of Beacon Hill to the jet setting royalty of Europe. Transformed into a woman of power and extraordinary passion, Diana was swept off her feet by a dashing South American prince charming... Until her fairy tale romance exploded in devastating heartbreak—and she was plunged into a deadly web of hate and revenge. From Malibu and Rodeo Drive to Paris, London and Rome, she carved out a magnificent empire—only to risk losing it all before she found the love she'd been searching for a love beyond the dream...beyond the fantasy...and beyond her heart's desire.

Foxglove (Avid Press; First edition; Rewired Creatives, Inc.; Second edition, 2016) — *Foxglove* is the story of a forbidden romance between a wealthy German banker suspected of being an arms dealer (Nicholas Ellison/aka Nicholas Ellsberg) and an American photo-journalist, Dakota Rabinowitz, and how their relationship disrupts their lives and their futures. A suspenseful adventure which takes two long-time friends—Dakota Rabinowitz, photographer, and Iris Bell, journalist—around the world, through a web of intrigue woven by a man who changes their lives in more ways than they could possibly imagine, *Foxglove* is about the friendship between two very different women, a friendship that rises above race, religion, and the changes caused by the passage of time.

The Silver Dolphin (Zebra/Kensington Publishing; first edition; Rewired Creatives, Inc.; Second edition, 2016) — When heiress Carrie Debary abandons Houston high society for a simpler life in Hawaii, she never dreams she'll find love with marine biologist Alex Madison. Then an accident leaves her new husband badly injured, and Carrie is drawn into an illicit liaison with Jack Briskin. Returning to Texas, Carrie throws herself into work with the fervor of a woman who wants to forget.

Loving Marie (Avid Press, First Edition; Rewired Creatives, Inc.; Second edition, 2016) — Krista Bordon-Hathaway believes her friend Marie lived a fairy-tale life before her tragic death a short time ago. The perfect home in the mountains of Colorado. The perfect husband who'd loved her since they were teens. The perfect miracle child born in spite of Marie's heart problems. Krista's life is far from perfect, and when it falls apart one final time, she runs away to find Marie's old house in Vermont, a place where Krista can get lost. Only one problem: Marie's life, far from drama-free, is slowly becoming Krista's. She immerses herself in Marie's world, and though it complicates hers, her own healing begins, and she finds a love that makes her believe again. Until her ex-husband decides it's time to end this charade.

***Listening to the Sun* (Originally titled *Somewhere Out There*; published under Diana Lorde) (Romance Foretold, Inc.; First edition; Rewired Creatives, Inc.; Second edition, 2016)** — Myths abound in the areas bordering the mystical Belvedere Pond in Northern Vermont, but when Christina Giannelli disappears one foggy autumn night, myths become reality. For three years, everyone searches, including her lover Jesse Harkinson, so when she shows up in his bar with a stunning mane of white hair, he's shocked. Her hair isn't the only thing that has changed about Christina. And the people of Montgomery, Vermont aren't the only ones fascinated in her story. The FBI in their black suits find it hard to hide in a ski town, and they don't have to. Christina already knows they're coming for her. But the biggest threat isn't human.

Young Adult Novel

***After Always* (Avid Press; First edition; Rewired Creatives, Inc., 2016)** — When the cops come to R.W. Carpenito's house, he thinks they're there for him. Instead, the Winter Park, Florida, police take away R.W.'s dad on charges of sexually abusing several girls with whom R.W. goes to school. The accusations, subsequent media attention, and legal shenanigans leave R.W. and his family torn apart. With the curiosity born of being 13 and not quite sure of himself, R.W. takes it upon himself to investigate his father's guilt. Or innocence. In the process of trying to uncover the details of his father's supposed relationship with three girls, R.W. finds himself falling for one of them. And his best friend, Jake, starts to question R.W.'s sanity. *After Always* is a coming-of-age story, but more than that, it's the story of one boy's courage to keep searching for the truth, even if that truth might destroy his whole family.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS (several other children's books are out of print)

***Jenny's First Friend* (Delair Pub Co., 1981)** — The first book in the Jenny series explores the thrills of a new friendship. Jenny, who has always just watched the children playing in the yard on the other side of the fence, loses her loneliness when she makes a new friend.

***Jenny Moves* (Delair Pub Co., 1981)** — Jenny's unsure what she will find when she moves to her new house, but when she discovers her old friends in her new room, she realizes it might not be all bad. *Jenny Moves* is the second in the Jenny Books series, inspired by the author's daughter.

***A Tale From Lavallah* (2011)** — *A Tale From Lavallah* is the story of a young girl who longs to be a wizard but is forbidden because wizards are only—and always—male. With her trusted pet, Chuczka, she travels to a distant land where her father, Geo the master wizard, lives and enters an adventure far beyond anything she has ever expected.

THE WRITER'S HAND JOURNALS

***The Writer's Hand: Characterization* (Rewired Creatives, Inc., 2016)** — A journal for writers and readers who want to create their own memorable characters or respond to quoted descriptions from their favorite books and authors. Each of the 100 quotes included in the journal is accompanied by two blank pages where the writer can pen their own characterization.

***The Writer's Hand Journal: Setting/Place* (Rewired Creatives, Inc., 2016)** — *The Writer's Hand: Setting/Place Journal* offers 100 quotes from classic and contemporary authors that are examples of how setting is used, how it affects characters, and how it defines tension. After each quote, there are two blank lined pages for the journal writer to respond to the quote, write their own setting description, analyze the work, or simply admire.

***The Writer's Hand Journal: Meditations* (Rewired Creatives, Inc., 2016)** — *The Writer's Hand Journal: Meditations* covers Meditations in the written word. You will recognize some of these quotes, and you probably have heard some of them before. There are 100 quotes in this book, some by philosophers everyone knows; some inspirational people who might be new to you. No matter what your beliefs, these quotes should make you think, feel, and consider the other human beings in this world. Use the quotes in this journal as inspiration to create your own inspirational saying, respond to the quote thoughtfully, or maybe even analyze how this quote may have influenced the world.

***The Writer's Hand Journal: Words of Love* (Rewired Creatives, Inc., 2017)** — *The Writer's Hand Journal: Words of Love* includes 100 quotes from the best writers who've written about love in all its incarnations. You will recognize some of these authors and their quotes, and you'll also recognize some famous lovers, while others will be brand new. No matter what your feelings about romance, this journal will inspire you to share those words with a loved one — or to create your own! Two pages of blank writing space for you to create your own Words of Love or to respond to the author quoted.

***The Writer's Hand Journal: North Carolina Writers* (Rewired Creatives, Inc., 2018)** — Often called “the Writingest State,” North Carolina writers are legendary. Among them are Maya Angelou, Clyde Edgerton, Thomas Wolfe, Ron Rash, Nicholas Sparks, Kaye Gibbons, and many others. This journal includes 100 quotes from 100 of the best writers in the state, as well as a brief description of each and their works. Designed to inspire as well as educate, this journal offers examples of beautiful writing and the space to create sentences of your own. For the writer, the traveler, the reader, and the lover of all things Southern.

ARTS AND COLLECTIBLES

***Advertising Identification and Price Guide* (Avon Books; 1st edition, 1993)** — A comprehensive price guide to available advertising and promotional products that is organized by categories that include everything from baking products, cameras and guns, to medicines, soft drinks and tobacco. Special sections cover slogans, trademarks, tips on buying and selling, and more. Full-color insert.

***American Indian Collectibles* (1988)** — Paperback book about identifying and pricing American Indian collectibles.

***American Country Collectibles* (House of Collectibles; 1st edition, 1990)**

***Collecting Black Americana* (Crown; 1st edition, 1986)** — Shows and describes advertising, banks, dolls, books, folk art, kitchen equipment, photographs, theater items, and toys with Black themes. Includes art and furniture by Black artists, and lists current values.

***Instant Expert: Collecting Romance Novels* (Alliance Publishing Company; Second Printing edition, 1995)**

***Contemporary Native American Artists* (Alliance Publishing Company; 1st edition, 1995)**

***Native American Collectibles : Identification and Price Guide* (Morrow/Avon, New York, NY, U.S.A.; First Edition, 1994)**

***The Official Price Guide to Christmas and Other Holiday Collectibles* (House of Collectibles, 2006)** — From antique Christmas lights and ornaments, spooky Halloween costumes and decorations, and cherished Valentine's Day cards and jewelry to Mardi Gras beads or Kwanzaa candleholders, people everywhere treasure their holiday accoutrements. Featuring 47 holidays and thousands of price listings, *The Official® Price Guide to Christmas and Other Holiday Collectibles* will give everyone something to celebrate.

***The Official Price Guide to Native American Art (Official Price Guide Series)* (House of Collectibles, 2003)** — Complemented by more than three hundred photographs, this informative handbook traces the history of Native American arts--including painting, drawing prints, graphics, baskets, beadwork, wood carvings, dolls, featherwork, jewelry, leather, pottery, textiles, sculpture, and more--providing information on hundreds of artists, up-to-date price guidelines, and a listing of museums throughout North America. Original. 10,000 first printing.

***The Encyclopedia of Black Collectibles: A Value and Identification Guide* (Chilton Book Co., 1995)**

OTHER WRITINGS

An anthology of travel writing edited by K.A. Laity and H. Byron Ballard, *My Wandering Uterus* is home to “Wearing the Shalwar Kameez,” my essay about Pakistan, the story of my Fulbright trip and an examination of our pre-conceived notions of other cultures.

My essays include “The Meltemi Winds” (*Wanderlust—A Travel Journal*) and “Whale Mothers” (*I Must Be Off*). I have also written a series of reviews for *Triangle Arts & Entertainment* as well as articles for websites including Jane Friedman, Bang2Write and Love2Know, among others.

RECENT INTERVIEWS

[SNHU: MFA Instructor Dr. Dawn Reno Langley: A Q&A](#)

[Nancy Christie In Conversation With... award-winning author and TedX speaker Dr. Dawn Reno Langley](#)

[Dialogue: Between the Lines with host Susan Wingate](#)

[Write Naked: 200 Words With Author Dawn Reno Langley](#)

[Lisa Haselton's Reviews and Interviews: Interview with novelist Dawn Reno Langley](#)

[Southern Writers Gallery of Stars: Dawn Reno Langley](#)

[BookRiot: Featured Book Trailer: THE MOURNING PARADE by Dawn Reno Langley](#)