

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Where were you born?** In Pennsylvania! But I moved to North Carolina quick as I heard about it. (I was one year old then.)
2. **What was your family like?** There were ten of us. 4 boys, 4 girls, 2 parents. We usually had a cat or a dog but they lived outside because we didn't have extra room inside. Also because my mom believed that's where animals belonged.
3. **Where did you go to school?** Mtn. View Elementary (1st – 8<sup>th</sup> grades. There was no kindergarten back in the day.) I also graduated from Fred T. Foard High School and Lenoir Rhyne University.
4. **What jobs have you held?** I've taught special education in North Carolina public schools, drama classes in a summer camp, literature to homeschool support groups, and I've even had a few cleaning jobs.
5. **Where have you traveled?** I love this question. I've been to Hawaii, Germany, Belgium, Lithuania, The Czech Republic, Ukraine, Canada, Nigeria and a bunch of the United States. Also Texas which apparently thinks it's a whole other country.
6. **What unusual jobs have you held?** While in high school I drove a school bus. Back in the day, North Carolina hired student drivers. (The buses were set so they wouldn't go very fast!) I also did cleaning on a farm for show horses.
7. **Why did you write BLUE?** Before going to a writing workshop, I received an assignment to research a local story. I discovered a 1944 polio epidemic in Hickory, North Carolina. I fell in love with the story and decided to incorporate that into the life of a fictional character.
8. **How many books have you published?** Five.
  - Best Friends Forever (now out of print)
  - Aim
  - Blue
  - Comfort
  - Healing Water (in E book only)
9. **How many books have you sold?** Um, I don't know. I could look that up I suppose. But anyway – not as many as Jeff Kinney or Cynthia Lord.
10. **Are you rich?** Yes and No. The no part is that I haven't spent my life trying to make a lot of money and being an author rarely makes a person rich. The yes part is that I feel rich in all the things that matter. I have a strong happy family, good health, and many friends. Also I have strong coffee and dark chocolate. And my Christian faith.