

**A few bios you could use in a flyer, brochure, or introduction.
(They might also help with student reports.)**

JOYCE MOYER HOSTETTER

Joyce Moyer Hostetter lives right where many of her characters do – in rural North Carolina. She’s always on the lookout—hoping to bump into them. In the absence of a time machine that would take her to the 1940’s she immerses herself in research to discover what their world was like. Her book, BLUE won the International Reading Association Award, The NC Juvenile Literature Award, and Parent’s Choice Silver Honor. It is used widely in North Carolina schools. AIM is a prequel to BLUE. COMFORT and DRIVE are sequels. This series (BAKERS MOUNTAIN STORIES) ends with EQUAL (April, 2021). HEALING WATER, a stand-alone book set in Hawaii’s leprosy settlement is available via E-book.

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When Joyce Moyer Hostetter attended Mtn. View Elementary, a teacher noticed her flair for words and predicted she’d become a writer. Later, Joyce attended Lenior Rhyne University where she earned her degree in Early Childhood Education. Since then, she’s worked with children in public school, camps, and homeschool but eventually the urge to write was irresistible. She now writes historical fiction for middle graders.

Joyce’s multi-award winning novel, BLUE retells the story of North Carolina’s 1944 polio epidemic. BLUE kicked off a series called Bakers Mountain Stories which include five titles. Aim, Blue, Comfort, Drive, and Equal (April 2021).

HEALING WATER is a stand-alone story of a 13 year-old boy banished to Hawaii’s leprosy settlement in 1869.

Classrooms across North Carolina use her books and Joyce often visits schools to talk about writing, researching, and getting published. She also co-publishes TALKING STORY, a newsletter for educators about reading and writing.

Joyce and her husband, Chuck, live near Hickory where they enjoy their adult children and lots of grandchildren. When she’s not writing or speaking she is often researching. She loves anything that has a history including furniture, clothes, and books.