

CURRICULUM VITAE: DEB ELKINK

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Vocational Experience

- 1974-1993**
 - Co-owned (with husband) a large Saskatchewan cattle ranch; earned private pilot's license
 - Published a dozen stories and articles in magazines

- 1983-1997**
 - Home educated three children through junior high level

- 1989**
 - Designed and sewed costumes for a theatrical rental store

- 1995-1997**
 - Appointed by an Order in Council to serve as a board member of Alberta Foundation for the Arts, allocating government grants

- 1999**
 - Wrote the devotional/historical guide to and curated an art show (*Amate: Love!*) at Briercrest Biblical Seminary, SK (which has since appeared as well at University of Manitoba and elsewhere)
 - Published a short story, "Afloat," in *Young Salvationist Magazine*

- 2000**
 - Published a short story, "Wet," in *Faith Today*, receiving Canadian Church Press 2001 first place award for narrative fiction/nonfiction
 - Published a short story, "Delivery," in *The War Cry*
 - Began to edit a daily online expository Bible study, "[Verse-by-Verse Commentary](#)" by Dr. Grant C. Richison, theologian (ongoing)
 - Began to edit/tutor academic writers (doctoral level) through their dissertations and articles eventually appearing in top-tier business journals such as *Management Information Systems Quarterly* (ongoing)

- 2001**
 - Contributed a chapter, "The Seven Moods of Gilbert: Conversion Narrative in The Flying Inn," in *Scholarship in the Plain* (a festschrift honoring Dr. Bruce Hindmarsh, now of Regent College)
 - Qualified as a speaker for Stonecroft and began presentations in Canada and U.S. (ongoing, now including unaffiliated women's groups)

- 2002**
 - Published an article, "Genius with a Message," in *Christian History* (75, XX1, 3)
 - Published a letter in *The Chesterton Review* (Vol. XXVIII, No. 3)

- 2003**
 - Began as staff writer (and assistant editor) for *Court Report and Communiqué*, the national newsletter (circulation 3,000) of the Home School Legal Defence Association of Canada (until 2007)

- Published an article, "Home Schooling and Academia," online at *Christianity.ca*
 - Published (honorable mention) "Pinned Down" in "The Leaf" (Brucedale Press, ON) acrostic short story contest
 - Co-edited the theological/apologetics book *Certainty: A Place to Stand*, by Dr. Grant C. Richison (published December 2010 by Castle Quay)
- 2011**
- Published *The Third Grace*, my debut novel
- 2012**
- Received Award of Merit (contemporary novel) and Grace Irwin Award (top pick in Canadian Christian Writing Awards) for *The Third Grace*
 - Began speaking for women's retreats, ongoing
- 2013**
- Received Graham Greene Award (Athantos Ministries) for short story, *Thaw*
- 2014**
- Received Honorable Mention for two short stories, "Wet" and "Thaw," in the Tom Howard/John H. Reid Fiction and Essay Contest
 - Acted as judge for The Word Awards 2014 (The Word Guild)
 - Facilitated two workshops for Inscribe Christian Writers' Fellowship conference
 - Published an article, "Method and Message," in *Fellowscrip Magazine*
 - Included in *Rise* (Chaplain Publishing anthology for college students) with devotional "Perfume"
- 2015**
- Published *Roots and Branches: The Symbol of the Tree in the Imagination of G.K. Chesterton*
 - Received first place in "Fiction: Short Story" category (The Word Awards) for "Thaw"
 - Published a letter in *The Chesterton Review* (Vol. XLI, No. 3/4)

Formal Education

- 1983**
- Graduated *summa cum laude*, B.A. Communications, Bethel University, St. Paul, MN (influenced by author Alvera Mickelsen)
- 2001**
- Graduated valedictorian, M.A. Theological Studies/Historical Theology, Briercrest Biblical Seminary, Caronport, SK, Canada (influenced by Dr. Bruce Hindmarsh; received the BBS "Graduate Proficiency and Excellence Award" in research skills, with a 4.0 GPA)

Memberships

- *ACFW: American Christian Fiction Writers*
- *TWUC: The Writers' Union of Canada*
- *The Word Guild (Professional membership)*
- *InScribe Christian Writers' Fellowship*