



THE DREAM

Local author, Deborah Arlene, writes from her experiences, her heart, and her faith.

The Dream is her first novel, published earlier this year through Christian Faith Publishing Company. "The feedback I've received has been very positive. Many readers have bought multiple copies of *The Dream* to give as gifts, and a couple of people have purchased copies for youth groups," she explains.



ABOUT THE BOOK: *The Dream* is a pro-life, Christian novel about a young man who has a recurring dream that is impacting his life, and his subsequent journey to make the dream stop. The book is about abortion, but it's also about so much more. It's a story about Jesus, forgiveness, relationships, the value of multigenerational friendships, the power of prayer, and more. You'll find something for everyone in the pages of this novel.

Deborah exposes the anguish of abortion through the perspective of a father and ultimately brings readers to a conclusion filled with peace and a future beyond the pain. *The Dream* aims to encourage readers to realize that each person is intentionally designed by a loving God, and regardless of one's past, no one is beyond the compassion and forgiveness of Jesus.

While *The Dream* tackles the difficult topic of abortion, it does so in an honest and healing way. *The Silent No More Awareness Campaign*, a pro-life Christian organization which seeks to expose and heal the secrecy and silence surrounding the emotional and physical pain of abortion, has placed *The Dream* on its recommended reading list.

Deborah shares, "A friend of mine was hesitant to read the book because it was about abortion, and she didn't like to read depressing books. I assured her that while it is a difficult topic, and there are sad places in the storyline that will likely bring tears, she would not remain sad or depressed because ultimately, it's an uplifting story. It's a hopeful story. It's a healing story. After she eventually read the book, she thanked me for encouraging her to read it. She bought another copy, and has been sharing it with friends and family and encouraging them to read it ever since. Don't wait to read *The Dream*. Be uplifted, and be blessed!"

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Deborah experienced an unplanned pregnancy when she became pregnant as a young teen, only 14 years old. She gave birth to her son, Andrew, while she was in 10th grade in high school, and today he's 39 years old, a husband, and a father himself. Deborah married Andrew's father, Scott, in 1983. They also had a daughter, Shaina, in 1988, and Deb and Scott are still married today. Deborah's life was forever changed when she met the life-giver, Jesus Christ, in 1997, and He began to direct her path.

Upon retiring early from state government in her forties, Deborah attended college for the first time, earning a Gerontology Certificate and an Associate in Arts in Social Science at HACC. She continued her education at Liberty University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology/Life Coaching with a Minor in Christian Counseling. After graduation, she became the director of Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center in Millersburg. She retired again and is currently babysitting her first grandchild.

Deborah shared, "The number one question I hear from people who have read *The Dream* is, 'When are you writing another book?' Well, I'm happy to say that I can now answer that question because I've just begun writing my second novel while participating in National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)."

COMMENTS FROM READERS: "Best Book of the Summer! This book was more than I expected... Deborah Arlene is a masterful writer, and I will definitely read her future novels."

"Absolutely Amazing Book! This is a must read regardless of what side of the debate you're on. It presented both sides with respect and compassion."

"Destined to touch hearts and lives...Deborah Arlene has created a novel that is emotionally spellbinding, and oh-so-pertinent for our modern times. It's real and honest. It includes abortion, but without bitterness or anger...This is the kind of novel that should be passed along to family, friends, acquaintances with a supportive hug, simply because it has the capacity to touch hearts in a powerful way!"

"A brave work...How thought-provoking that these lives lost leave gaps in the fabric of what was MEANT to be. A brave work for those who can be healed to live bravely and freely loved again."

WHERE TO GET THE BOOK: Get your copy today! *The Dream* makes an excellent gift and is available for purchase online from: www.deboraharlene.com or from Everyday Blessings Gift Shop, Millersburg. If you aren't local, you can get *The Dream* from any nearby brick and mortar bookstore; if they aren't already carrying it, they can order it for you.

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