

BIOS for Carol McKibben

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Medium Bio:

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Long Bio:

Carol McKibben graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in Secondary Education and a minor in Journalism. She went on to earn a Master's of Arts in Teaching (MAT) from Rollins College. After teaching English and Journalism for a decade, she was offered the opportunity to join Miramar Communications, the 8th largest publishing house west of the Mississippi in Los Angeles. Working her way up from editorial and then as Director of Market Development, she became the publisher of *Special Events* magazine (a trade publication for all those working in the events industry) that she helped launch in 1984. In addition, she created a companion trade show, The Special Event, for which she was also the director for a decade, planning every aspect – from exhibits to educational conferences and events. During that time, she earned her Certified Special Events Professional (CSEP) designation and helped found the International Special Events Society (ISES) of which she was international president from 1999-2000. She co-authored *The Dictionary of Event Management* for ISES and helped write the study guides for the CSEP exam. She was a magazine publisher for both consumer and trade magazines for 20+ years. She has written numerous articles and conducted a myriad of seminars, often speaking to large audiences for both The Special Event and ISES. She was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the special events industry in 1999.

In 2007, she began a freelance writing and editing career, working with other authors to help them realize their dreams. She has published *Luke's Tale*, *Riding Through It* and the *Snow Blood Vampire*

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Carol is married to Mark McKibben, a senior systems engineer and experienced airplane pilot, and they have two grown children, Rett and Stephanie, and three grandchildren, Lauren, Diesel and Slater. Their current "babies" are Neo, their 117-lb. Labradoodle, a trained therapy dog, Thor a yellow Labrador Retriever rescue and Ty, a Siberian Husky rescue. Together Mark and Carol work with the Los Angeles Animal Rescue and Wings of Rescue to save the precious lives of endangered dogs.

Carol is a firm believer in Maya Angelou's quote: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." She believes that angels were her inspiration for *Luke's Tale – a Story of Unconditional Love* and feels that even though the *Snow Blood Series* is about the original vampire and his kindred dog, that theme carries through. "There's a method to my madness," she states. "The world is waiting for love to overcome hate. I feel that my purpose is to show others how to love unconditionally, just as dogs love us we should love each other."

Carol's other favorite quote is one that her husband taught her. "I love myself more when I am with you."

Carol, Neo, Thor and Ty are currently working on creating more adventures. To learn even more about Carol, go to <http://www.carolmckibben.com> or email carol@mckibben.com.

Speaker Introduction:

Carol McKibben writes from the heart of a dog's eyes. Often telling her stories to Labradoodles, Labrador Retrievers, Siberian Huskies and any stray that happened by, it wasn't long before people stopped to have a listen as well. Now Carol writes for people and speaks to large audiences. Dogs included.

Carol has been listed on the Summer Solstice Top 12 Book Pick List and is a member of Authors Tour USA. She is the author of *Riding Through It – A Memoir*; *Luke's Tale – A Story of Unconditional Love* and the *Snow Blood Vampire Mystery Thriller Series*. A horsewoman who trains and competes in classical dressage, Carol uses her books to support her activities in animal rescue. It is her love and understanding of dogs in particular that has brought her to writing about unconditional love and how, we as humans, can learn from our animals.

Let's give a warm welcome to Carol McKibben (Ma-Kib-ben).

5 Fun Facts You Didn't Know About Me:

1. Carol trains and competes with her horse, Aramis, in Classical Dressage.

2. Carol's rescue Binks was born with a bad heart. The cardio-vascular vet said he wouldn't live to be 4 years old. Binks made it to almost 9. It's amazing what love can do.
3. Carol's father told her she should be a writer when she was 14, and she took him seriously.
4. Carol got a Corvette as a high school graduation present from her parents.
5. Carol's hobby in high school was archery.

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