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Profile and platform

I am a writer and speaker, sharing regularly at www.dalenerayburn.com. I'm the bestselling author of four books: *Traveling Light*, *Prayers for a Mom's Heart*, *Walking in Grace* and *Dragons and Dirt*. I also co-authored the children's novel, *Flight to Fabuland*, and I contribute to various online magazines and devotionals, including *YouVersion*. To date, my books have sold over 40 000 copies worldwide.

I do about twenty speaking events per year: ladies' ministry events, leadership and relationship training (for teens and adults) and keynote addresses (valedictions *et al*). I'm honoured to be part of the preaching team of [Capital City Church International](#) (3Ci).

My most requested topics relate to identity; finding your calling and living out your potential; coping with suffering; leadership; marriage; womanhood; motherhood and special needs parenting.

I have an online footprint of around 100 000 readers and followers. Nothing excites and energises me more than offering truth, courage and hope within the warm-bodied and cyber communities God has placed me.

My Gallup StrengthsFinder top five strengths are Communicator, Positivity, Winning Others Over, Maximizer, and Belief. I'm vibrant, loyal and disciplined. I'm funny (ha-ha), but I take people seriously and love to inspire. I can plan and organize – decisively and creatively. I've gained valuable professional experience through teaching, leading a department, travelling, editing, blogging, public speaking and being a mom. I was born in 1977, and I identify as a *perennial*: flexible, and comfortable to connect an assortment of generational dots.

Sad adverts make me cry (in a good way). Pinterest makes me break out in a cold sweat. I am (very happily) wife to Murray (an optometrist) and mom to Cameron and Scott. I am forgiven, and free indeed.

Education

I matriculated from Willowridge High School as Dux Scholar and Top Allrounder (academics, sports, culture) with 6 distinctions. I studied a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Pretoria (UP), majoring in English and French and graduating as Top English Student. I went on to read for my English Honours at UP, simultaneously completing a Higher Education Diploma through UNISA. I then read for a Masters in Applied Languages (UP).

Experience

As a student, I taught Mathematics through Project Literacy's adult education programme. I was a Tutor and later a Junior Lecturer in the English Department at UP. After graduating I worked as a Classroom Assistant in London, then launched my teaching career at Cornwall Hill College where I was an English teacher and Head of French for six years. I taught English at Dallam School (Cumbria, UK) for six months, before returning to South Africa and starting an editing and translation business. I was called back into teaching in 2006, heading up the English Department at St Alban's College for four years. I stepped back into the role of regular teacher in 2011 in favour of more time with my sons. Apart from teaching at St Alban's, I was involved in conference speaking, resource development and English Oral Moderation for the Independent Examinations Board.

In 2013 I embarked on a new career season as fulltime mom, writer and speaker. I've written for various publications and blogs, done freelance editing, marked for the UNISA English Department, adjudicated public speaking events and completed a certificate course in spiritual leadership through Regent University (USA).

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