

Dalene Reyburn (BA, Hons, HED, MA, CGS)

Profile and platform

I am a writer, speaker, and teacher, sharing regularly at www.dalenerayburn.com. I'm the bestselling author of eight books: *Live Free*, *Apples of Gold* (with Dr Michael Mol), *Breathe Between the Lines*, *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 platforms, including [YouVersion](#) and [RightNow Media](#). To date (April 2024), my books have sold 137 000 copies worldwide, in English, Afrikaans and Portuguese.

Nothing excites and energises me more than offering truth, courage, and hope, and I love saying *yes* to speaking events anywhere in the world. I've been honoured to share at over 100 churches, schools, camps, writing conferences and seminars, to be part of the preaching team of [Capital City Church International](#) (3Ci) and [Reading Family Church](#), and to contribute to the work of [In His Presence](#), [UCB1](#) and [UCB2](#).

My Gallup StrengthsFinder top five strengths are Communicator, Positivity, Winning Others Over, Maximiser, and Belief, and I'm a Three on the Enneagram. I was born in 1977, and I identify as a *perennial*: flexible, and comfortable to connect an assortment of generational dots.

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 (Pretoria, South Africa) as Dux Scholar and Top Allrounder (academics, sports, culture) with six 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 (PGCE equivalent) through the University of South Africa (UNISA). I then read for a master's degree in Applied Languages (UP), and completed a Certificate of Graduate Studies in Spiritual Formation through Regent University (USA).

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 (Pretoria) 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, freelance editing, adjudication of public speaking events, marking for the UNISA English Department and English Oral Moderation for the Independent Examinations Board.

In 2013 I embarked on a new career season as fulltime writer and speaker.

Since moving to the UK in 2021, I have also coached fellow writers, and taught English parttime at various schools across Berkshire and Oxfordshire.

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