

# Writing Your Life

## Patricia Charpentier

For more than fifteen years, owner of Writing Your Life, [www.writingyourlife.org](http://www.writingyourlife.org), which offers classes, workshops, ghostwriting, editing, coaching and LifeStory Publishing, which designs, formats, and has published more than thirty personal and family history books to date

Multi-award winning author of *Eating an Elephant: Write Your Life One Bite at a Time*, First Place Winner, 2012 Dan Poynter's Global E-Book Awards – Silver Medalist, Florida Publishers Association President's Award, September 2012 - 2011 First Place Royal Palm Literary Award by Florida Writers Association – Recipient of Founders Award for achievement and service, Florida Authors and Publishers Association, August 2015

Recent and notable presentations/talks/workshops:

Weekly/monthly classes and workshops throughout Central Florida  
Association of Personal Historians Int'l Conference – Sacramento, CA – October 2015  
Association of Personal Historians Int'l Conference – St. Louis, MO – October 2014  
Rollins College Lifelong Learning – Winter Park, FL – October 2014 - present  
Florida Authors and Publishers Association – Ft. Lauderdale, FL – August 2014  
Business of Writing Summit – Louisville, KY – August 2014  
Story Circle Network International Conference – Austin, TX – April 2014  
Florida State Genealogy Society Conference Orlando, FL – March 2014  
North Florida Genealogy Conference – Jacksonville, FL – March 2014  
Florida Writers Association Memoir Mini-Conference – The Villages, FL – February 2014  
Florida Writers Association Readers Festival – Bradenton, FL – January 2014  
Association of Personal Historians Int'l Conference – Washington, DC – Fall 2013  
Florida Writers Association State Conference – Lake Mary, FL – October 2013  
University of Central Florida Public History Center – Sanford, FL – October 2013  
The Villages Genealogical Society – The Villages, FL – August 2013  
Amelia Island Book Festival – Amelia Island, FL – April 2013  
Florida Writers Association Spring Conference – April 2013  
Stetson University Lifelong Learning – Celebration, FL – Spring-Fall 2013  
Florida Writers Association Spring Conference, Altamonte Springs, FL – April 2013  
Genealogy Society of Southeast Volusia – New Smyrna, FL – March 2013  
Genealogical Society of Sarasota – Sarasota, FL – February 2013  
The Villages Genealogical Society – The Villages, FL – January 2013  
Florida Writers Association State Conference – Lake Mary, FL – October 2012  
University of Central Florida LIFE – Orlando, FL - 2012  
More than twenty presentations to civic, religious, writers, and genealogy groups each year

Director of See It Through! Finish My Book in 90 Days coaching program

M.A. Creative Writing, University of Central Florida 2001; B.A. Journalism, Louisiana State University 1978

Featured workshop leader for the United Arts of Central Florida's ArtsFest

Artist in Residence at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center on a grant in cooperation with the United Arts of Central Florida – 2011 - 2013

Artist in Residence at Wild Acres Retreat in Little Switzerland, North Carolina, August 2010

Guest on local and national radio and television programs, including *Growing Bolder* on NRP affiliate, WMFE

Author of *Focus on Writing* series of booklets that concentrate on various aspects of writing one's personal and family history—*Get Started*, *Bringing Your Ancestors to Life*, and *I Remember* currently available

Feature writer and photographer with bylines in a variety of newspapers and magazines, including the *Orlando Sentinel*, *Growing Bolder Magazine*, *Orlando Woman* and the *Florida Writer* and numerous Louisiana publications

Twenty-eight-year career in mortgage banking technology

Acadian heritage, South Louisiana native, resident of Orlando for twenty-seven years

