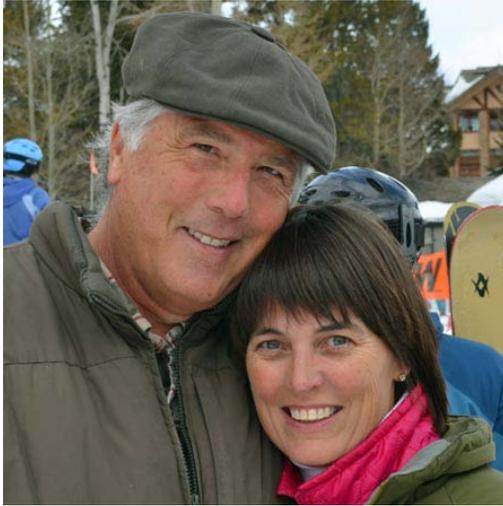


Author Biography for  
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Dr. Mary Neal is a board-certified orthopaedic spine surgeon who drowned while kayaking on a South American river. She wrote *To Heaven and Back: A Doctor's Extraordinary Account of Her Death, Heaven, Angels and Life Again: A True Story* to tell her dramatic story of her after-life experience, which has been featured on national media including *WGN*, *Dr. Oz*, and *Fox and Friends*. Previously self-published, the work was acquired by WaterBrook Press, a division of Random House, Inc and released on May 24, 2012. Within weeks it hit the #1 spot on the *New York Times* bestseller list.

The book is Dr. Neal's first hand account of how she went to heaven and back, conversed with Jesus and experienced God's encompassing love. She was returned to Earth with specific instructions for work she still needed to do. Her life has been one filled with the miracles and intervention of God and her story gives reason to live by faith and hope.

Dr. Neal was born and raised in Michigan and graduated from the University of Kentucky before attending medical school at UCLA. She completed her orthopaedic residency at the University of Southern California and is fellowship trained as a spinal surgeon. She is the former Director of Spine Surgery at the University of Southern California and is a founding partner of Orthopedic Associates of Jackson Hole. She has served as a church elder, on several non-profit organization boards, and created the Willie Neal Environmental Awareness Fund.

Dr. Neal lives and works in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where she and her family enjoy everything the outdoor world offers, especially all forms of skiing, bicycling, boating, and hiking.