

Author Biography
for
Shellie Rushing Tomlinson



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Shellie Rushing Tomlinson is a popular blogger, speaker, columnist, radio host of “All Things Southern” and author of *Heart Wide Open* (Waterbrook Press, March 18, 2014).

Known for her humor and hope, Tomlinson enjoys entertaining and encouraging a wide range of audiences. Whether sharing her humorous slant on growing up southern in civic and educational settings or offering inspiring thoughts in church retreats and ladies’ seminars, Her talks are guaranteed to be full of laughs and motivation.

Tomlinson and her husband, Phil, live in Lake Providence, Louisiana. They have two children and four grandchildren.

She is also the author of *Lessons Learned on Bull Run Road*, *Twas the Night before the Very First Christmas*, *Southern Comfort with Shellie*

Rushing Tomlinson, *Suck Your Stomach In and Put Some Color On* (voted Nonfiction Finalist of 2009 by SIBA, the SIBA Independent Booksellers Alliance) and *Sue Ellen’s Girl Ain’t Fat, She Just Weighs Heavy!* (nominated in 2012 for the Nonfiction Book of the Year by SIBA).

Tomlinson also writes a weekly inspirational feature in Newsstar, a Gannett owned paper serving the Ark/La/Miss and a monthly print and online column for Louisiana Road Trips.

When Shellie isn’t writing, speaking, taping her show, answering email or writing content for the next deadline, you can find her playing tennis with Dixie Belle, (the chocolate lab who thinks she is in charge of running Shellie’s life).