

Author Biography
for
Tricia Lott Williford



Tricia Lott Williford decided she wanted to be a writer when she was very small – actually, as soon as she discovered that the stories she loved were written by real people.

She won a short story contest in third grade with her piece entitled, *Monica’s Broken Arm*. That’s the day she learned that she might be good at what she loved most.

With an undergraduate degree in education, Tricia has taught third grade and kindergarten. She loved the classroom and teaching children to read and write, and to enjoy both.

In 2000, Tricia married Robb and in 2003, they moved to Denver, Colorado. In 2005 they welcomed son Tucker home and in 2007, son Tyler joined the family.

After Tricia left the fulltime classroom to become a stay-at-home mom, she quickly realized she didn’t love the stay-at-home scene, and began writing every day as an outlet, a discipline, and something to call her own.

In 2010, when Robb died suddenly and tragically, two days before Christmas, Tricia had a blog with modest readership of 50-60 readers across the country – mostly friends and family.

On the day of her husband’s death, an unknown someone posted a link to her blog on Twitter with the words, “Please pray for this woman. Her husband died this morning.” Overnight, her blog went viral and her community of readers grew exponentially.

When her world fell apart, few things remained. She held fast to the discipline she had established years before: she kept writing every day. She has written in sunshine, in darkness, and always in honesty. Her readers have joined her in the highs and lows of this year, and she has invited them to come as close as they choose to the gripping truth of what they fear most.



Today, Tricia is 33 years old, a widowed single mom, with her first book *And Life Comes Back* on-sale February 18, 2014 (Waterbrook Press).

Tricia and Robb long dreamed of her career as a writer, speaker, teacher, and author. Her husband used to say, “She’ll be the writer, and I’ll retire early.” The tragic irony is not lost on her: he has indeed retired early. So she continues to write.