

DIXIANE HALLAJ BIO

Dixiane Hallaj earned a Ph.D. in Literacy and Adult Learning from George Mason University the same year she received her medicare card. She started writing novels after finishing her award-winning dissertation.

The Kalandia Series chronicles the lives of a family of Palestinian refugees. *Born a Refugee* and *Checkpoint Kalandi* incorporate many incidents that happened while Dixiane was living as part of her husband's extended family in Jordan and later teaching at Birzeit University on the West Bank. *It's Just Lola* is loosely based on the life of her grandmother, and *Aunt Nellie B* is pure fiction set within the same family.

Dixiane has several published short stories and has edited several short story anthologies.

As an indie author, she joined several professional organizations that promote high standards and adhere to strict codes of professionalism. The more she learned, the more she knew there was to learn, so she set out to help other writers along the way. Her Short & Helpful Online Writer Workshops, put together with Terry Korth Fischer and 12 published authors is a big step in the right (write) direction.

Dixiane is the founder and acquisitions editor of S & H Publishing, Inc. a boutique publishing house for women's fiction, built on the same ideals and standards she applies to her own writing and the organizations she supports.

She currently lives in Purcellville, a small town in rural Virginia, with her husband of 55 years and a cat named Dog.

When not writing, she dabbles in painting and pottery. Her favorite thing to do is hang out with family over good food and amusing conversation.

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