

Biography – Patricia Haley

Patricia Haley-Glass, who writes under the pen name of Patricia Haley, is an award winning national bestselling author. She earned the title of 'trailblazer' after achieving remarkable success with her first faith-based novel in 1998. The self-published novel, *Nobody's Perfect*, sold nearly 20,000 copies in an industry where selling 5,000 copies at the time was highly regarded. The novel was the first of its kind to repeatedly make numerous national best sellers list, including #1 on the Essence list. Her next book, *No Regrets*, tackled the marital, personal, and financial impact breast cancer has on a family. It was popular among readers and followed *Nobody's Perfect* onto the best seller's list.



Originally from Rockford, IL, Patricia lives in the Chicago area with her husband, Jeffrey Glass and their precious daughter. Previously she lived in Philadelphia, Detroit, and the San Francisco Bay areas. With an engineering degree from Stanford Univ. and an M.B.A. in marketing and finance from the Univ. of Chicago, readers are often surprised to hear that Patricia is writing novels, given her technical and business background.

When asked what led her to writing, her response is, "I was always good at creative writing in high school, but my interest was in math and science. My first attempt at writing was a non-fiction (self-help) book in 1994. Halfway through it. I set the book aside because a relationship storyline kept playing in my head. So I just sat down one day and wrote the first page. A few weeks later, another page and so on until nine months later I had completed my first novel, *Nobody's Perfect*. I questioned whether it could be any good, because the writing came very easily. Everything flowed so well. Without consciously trying, I was basically

writing what I wanted to read and wasn't able to find in the stores -- clean fiction (without the sex and profanity), set in modern day, addressing real issues, relatable characters, and filled with a spiritual twist that honors God and gives people hope that with faith they can get through any situation. Everybody is bound to have challenges in their life. "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." - John 16:33 (NIV Holy Bible). "My writing is intended to remind people of the hope and peace that comes from personally knowing Christ Jesus. I understood that God had called and equipped me to write. However, I realized in 2007 that my writing wasn't for the pure sake of becoming a career author. It was for the explicit purpose of encouraging others through motivational speaking and of course the messages in my books. That's how I've been able to balance both a literary and a Corporate America business career. So this journey has allowed me to discover that writing is my gift, finance and math is my passion, and encouraging others is my purpose. In case you're wondering what's the difference, gifts, talents, and passions are the tools you're given to help fulfill your purpose. So, don't worry about which one should come first one, use them all."

Patricia's literary mission is evident in her books: create entertaining, 'clean' stories that tackle real issues and affirms the power of forgiveness while leaving readers with a message of hope, no matter what the circumstance.

Her published titles include the Mitchell Family Drama Series (Anointed, Betrayed, Chosen, Broken, Destined, Humbled, and Unforgiving-2015), Let Sleeping Dogs Lie Still Waters, No Regrets, Blind Faith, short stories in Blessed Assurance and the Midnight Clear anthologies, Redeemed Drama Series co-authored with Gracie Hill (Relentless and Redeemed-2015), and her trailblazing first novel, Nobody's Perfect. Beyond her literary endeavors, she is a born-again believer in Christ Jesus and has a great love for the Lord, her beloved husband, daughter, family, and membership in Delta Sigma Theta Public Service Sorority, Inc. since 1982. As a Delta, Patricia has served in both appointed and elected positions including chaplain, committee chair, and roles on the finance team. In addition to writing and living a fulfilling personal and spiritual life, Patricia also spends part of her time working in Corporate America as a senior project manager and has led teams supporting North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia based efforts. Despite a robust schedule, she finds time for her family and to partake of favorite hobbies such as going to see movies, listening to jazz, playing word games, travelling for fun, and watching sports (especially basketball).

As Patricia continues to work in various venues, her desire is that God will get the glory in all aspects of her life and that the purpose for which she was created will be fulfilled. Look for other works from this voice on the literary scene.

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