



Valerie Anne Faulkner, author/interviewer *The Back Porch Writer*



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Valerie Anne Faulkner announces the release of her latest novel,
“I Must Be in Heaven, a promise kept.”

Author Biography: Valerie was raised on Long Island, about two hours east of New York City. In the fifties and sixties Yaphank, was rural and woods and fields housed just a handful of homes. Growing up in a small town one might be satisfied with small dreams. Not Valerie. She moved to Florida in 1973 with her husband and their first child. Parenting two more children she had the luxury of being a stay –at –home mom during the primary years of their lives. She and her husband Bill started an Electrical Contracting business in 1974 and she managed home and office while Bill worked out in the field.

Faulkner Electric inc. has successfully been in operation for over thirty five years. Bill and Valerie at one time had thirteen employees but have spent the past seven years as a team of two. Valerie’s husband taught her to do wiring and she works as an electrician along with him daily.

Together they reside on the west coast of Florida in a town called Port Richey. Their three grown children and their families live nearby as well as Valerie’s sisters and parents. When the clan gets together they make up about forty in all, last count.

Valerie is a woman of faith and enjoys life and all her blessings. She’s a typical American with hurdles to jump and mountains to climb, but she never gives up. She believes in the promise of tomorrow.

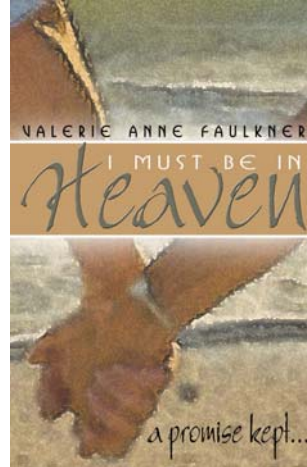
During the course of writing her first novel, Valerie’s daughter gave her a compliment that she holds in high regard. Her daughter said, “Mom, I know I know you, but while reading your book I realized you are a very special person; with an extraordinary story to tell.” Simply put she finished with, “If I didn’t know you, you’d be a person I’d like to meet.”



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I Must Be in Heaven, a promise kept. By Valerie Anne Faulkner

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This true inspirational love story takes place on the West Coast of Florida. Valerie suddenly finds herself lost and alone in the labyrinth of hospital rooms and intensive care units, while her husband, who has suffered a near fatal brain aneurysm lies near death in a coma. Only her faith and the prayers offered up by many of her friends and perfect strangers alike sustain her. One lonely night she asks for a miracle as she prays for her husbands recovery. That night she makes a solemn promise to God to tell the stories. '*I Must Be in Heaven, a promise kept.*' is the story that had to be told..

Review: Nina M. Orsier, author / reviewer (Amazon.com)

In this novel based on a true story, God answers Valerie's prayers and questions one step at time. The faith she and Bill have shared and nurtured for so many years bears her up when she needs it most. The publishing world offers plenty of other true stories about Christians forced to deal with a loved one's catastrophic illness, but trust me when I tell you that this story is unique and well worth reading. It's a tale told simply yet vividly, and above all it's a love story. Its gritty realism pulled me right in, and it never once committed the sin of turning saccharine. Which is why I found it so difficult to put down!

Review: Zintas Aistars, author / editor (Amazon.com)

Must Be in Heaven is the kind of story you share over a pot of coffee with a favorite neighbor or a good friend. Reading it is that kind of encounter: not so much a great book, but a great chat with someone who has become another warm and very human heart you're glad to have known for a while. There are many satisfying morals to this true story, and we can close the cover when the story is done, happy there are such good marriages in the world, still.



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Review: Shonell Bacon, author / editor / educator (Amazon.com)

I enjoyed Faulkner's down-to-earth tone. I could hear her voice through every story, every experience. I felt connected with her and her family as they connected and plowed through life's circumstances.

Awards

**Awards: Florida Writers Assoc.
Winner
Royal Palm Literary Award 2008
(Published Memoir) 1st Place,**



[Christian Fiction On-line Magazine](#)

Valerie Anne Faulkner, interviewer

The Christian Fiction On-line Magazine recently asked Valerie Anne to interview Edgy Christian authors, who are featured in each issue of the magazine. Valerie Anne has enjoyed doing these on-line interviews since the premier issue in July, 2008, and she has made some interesting new friends in the world of writing. As a featured columnist Valerie Anne writes a short introduction for each interview, creating a witty and often humorous virtual visit to the hometowns of the featured authors. Giving the readers the feel that the conversation was in the author's living room or at a nearby park.