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Book Review *"Shattered"*

A portrait of Doris H. Dancy, a woman with dark, wavy hair, wearing a white blazer over a white lace top. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is dark.

Doris H.
Dancy



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DORIS H DANCY

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Meet Doris H Dancy

International Award Winning Author

Introduction

Doris H. Dancy is an accomplished and award-winning educator, speaker, writing consultant, and playwright. She is a wife, mother, grandmother, and author. Her life's focus has been educating our youth in an appreciation of both the written and spoken word.

Doris is an award winning author but apart from all of the success she has had, at the heart of everything is her family. Doris is a committed Christian and her love of the Lord has extended beyond the pages of her latest books. Doris H Dancy is the 'making it matter' person, who does not waste the time that the Lord has given her and is reaching the unreachable and teaching the unteachable.

Shattered Pieces the sequel to *Jagged Edges* is her latest offering and it is having a powerful impact on the reader's minds and hearts. From this extremely relevant author I am delighted and humbled to introduce the readership of 3-in-1 The Voice to Doris H Dancy...

A.K Chenoweth



Pictured above:
Doris H Dancy

International Award Winning Author

Books to date:

Shattered Pieces
Jagged Edges

Biography

Growing up in Raleigh, North Carolina was a joy. Her parents, Lemuel and Mildred Hodge, provided her with many fantastic opportunities like eight years of private school, piano lessons that started at the age of five, chances to visit large libraries, trips to the movies with her Mom and brother, Ed, travel experiences, a church that made sure she understood her faith, and parents and a grandmother who paid attention to everything that would help her forge a path to a successful life.

She received her BA Degree in English from North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina and began a teaching career in both English and Spanish. She was graduated from Hampton University with a MA in English Education and eventually became Chairperson of the English Department, English Teacher Specialist, and later Supervisor of English K-12 for Hampton City Public Schools. Teaching and supervising were both rewarding careers, and each taught her a different level and focus of professionalism and commitment. As the Supervisor, along with many other responsibilities, she developed and provided staff development for a writing program that guaranteed student achievement. This step-by-step process is easy for students of all ages to grasp and move toward successful writing. The program continually proved itself through extremely high and consistent state Standard of Learning Tests scores.

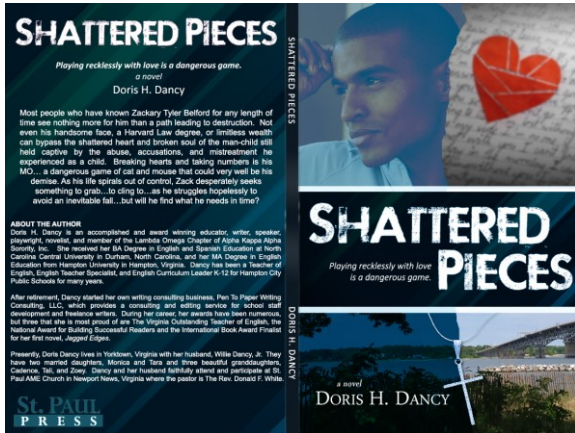
Later, after starting her own business, *Pen To Paper Writing Consulting, LLC*, she revised the program and presented staff development workshops to a variety of other school divisions, all of which found success with this writing process. Additionally, she presently provides an editing service for other writers.

At this point, she is devoting almost all of her time to writing and editing, and has completed two Christian Romance novels, *Jagged Edges* and the sequel, *Shattered Pieces*. These fictional Christian romances introduce the reader to Derek Chase Wellington, III and Zackary Tyler Belford. Derek is the protagonist in *Jagged Edges* and Zackary (Zack) is the protagonist in *Shattered Pieces*. Both are wealthy, both are Harvard graduates with excellent careers; however, both lead different lives and are faced with very different challenges.

Throughout Mrs. Dancy's life, she has found many favorable outcomes in a variety of endeavors. One of her greatest rewards has been seeing the tremendous success of so many of her students, and she has received numerous awards for excellence in educating, some of which are The Virginia Outstanding Teacher of English, The National Award for Building Successful Readers, The Governor's School Outstanding Educator's Award from the University of Richmond, and International Book Award Finalist for *Jagged Edges*.

Mrs. Dancy and her husband, Willie Dancy, Jr. attend St. Paul AME Church in Newport News, Virginia, and presently reside in Yorktown, Virginia. They have been blessed with two beautiful daughters, two sons-in-law, and three fantastic granddaughters, Cadence, Tali, and Zoey.

Book Review



Doris H Dancy



‘Shattered Pieces’

Independent Publishing Platform

Review by: 3-in-1 Walking in the Light Ministries (Int)

Category: Christian Romance

Format: Paperback | Kindle

Brilliant! Love the pace and the storyline is right up-to-date - defines the parameters of true love...Shattered Pieces takes the reader on a fast paced read. From the first page there is no labored narrative instead a powerful, impactive and penetrating introduction, that will leave you breathless. Immediately you are hooked.

Some people like to be wooed but with the character of Zackary Tyler Belford, here there is no need to be wooed. Zack is a good looking, handsome, intelligent a successful businessman. All the ingredients are there for a perfect match. However, Zack has a broken past that has affected his relationships, his is a damaged soul. Because of the loss Zack doesn't waste time in moving onto the next conquest, as far as women are concerned. Leaving behind a trail of emotional devastation. However, this fruitless existence all changes the day he meets Jazmin Skylar Grant in church. Zack's usual thought processes are challenged. Jazmin is beautiful and a strong Christian woman with firm, solid beliefs.

This book is the 'I can't put it down type' and also I found myself thinking about the storyline once I had left it down to do something. In my experience I have always found that this is the hallmark of a great literary work. I found myself actually starting off not so sure about Zack, I like other characters in the book found myself 'shouting' at Jazmin - 'Don't do it!' As if she was one of my own daughters! However, I surprised myself, by actually rooting for Zack in the end and praying for a healing. This book is a banner for true love in the unlikely of places. Delightful, yet morally challenging for this generation, Doris H Dancy raises a flag for young single women everywhere, calling out that the Proverbs 31 woman is still alive and well...

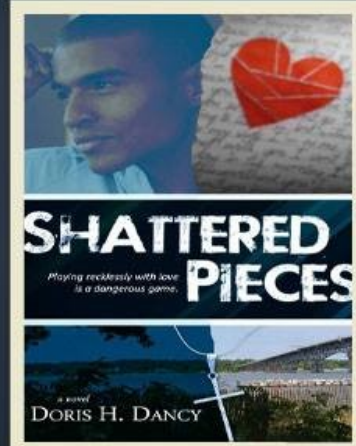
Finally, does it work out for Zack and Jazmin? Well you will just have to read this wonderful delicious, offering from Doris H Dancy to see...

AK Chenoweth

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"HE TAKES ME IN HIS ARMS, AND FOR TEN MINUTES WE SAY GOOD NIGHT, AND IN THOSE TEN MINUTES, I REALIZE WITHOUT A DOUBT, I WILL COME BACK TO THIS MAN WHATEVER THE RISKS."
-JAZMIN



SHATTERED PIECES BY DORIS H. DANCY

"SHATTERED PIECES IS A SMASH HIT"
"BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN"
"ENTERTAINING AND THOUGHTFUL"



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Interview

1. How did you come to know the Lord Jesus as your savior Doris?

As a very young child, I went to St. Monica's Catholic School for eight years where we were taught prayers, hymns, lessons, and a devotion to Christ. More importantly, I had a mother and a grandmother who were Methodists and made sure that I studied the Bible in my church and at home. I loved playing the piano while my grandmother sang beautiful hymns, and she and my mother made sure that I not only knew the words to these hymns but also understood what I was singing. At my church, there was a Junior Church where we were taught the lessons of Christ on our level, and from these many experiences, I developed a personal relationship with Christ and gave my life to the Lord, accepting Him as my personal Savior. That was the foundation. In college, that relationship was tested, and I grew ever so close to Him through many troublesome experiences with people who did not know Him. For my first two years in college, some students tried to make my life miserable, but my personal relationship was solidified during this time. When I thought that there was no help, I learned more than ever that I needed only to "lift up my eyes to the hills" and that my help always came from the Lord.

2. Have you always been able to write?

For as long as I can remember, writing has been my passion. I have always found a certain solace in releasing my thoughts in poetry, plays, essays, and what I loved to call "Just Thoughts." Writing has always been that place of serenity where I can simply take pause.

3. You have been a finalist with *Jagged Edges*, what was the competition?

Novels from all over the world are submitted to an international committee in the category of your genre. For me, it was Christian Romance. The novels are read in that genre and judged based on plot and character development, and overall excellence. Jeffrey Keen, President and CEO of USA Book News said this year's contest yielded over 1200 entries from authors and publishers around the world, which were then narrowed down to the final results.

4. How did you come up with the main characters?

The idea for this book and the main characters therein lived with me for over thirty years. I have taught kids like both my **Zackary Tyler Belford**, a very intelligent and talented young man, born into poverty, but fighting like crazy to escape the dysfunction of a miserable life, and I have taught my **Jazmin Skylar Grant** who is talented, beautiful, and determined to walk the path of Christ no matter what. As

a teacher and educational administrator, I have seen far too many times the result of children who grow up unloved, unwanted, and uncared for adequately. I wanted to write a book and tell their story...a story that would bring to the forefront the horrible impact on children born to those who are not yet ready to be parents. I wanted to highlight the selfishness of those who are so willing to just "jump in bed" without much thought to the consequences of their actions. Their actions are devastating to the babies that they ruthlessly bring into either a fatherless world or a world where the father is extremely angry because he has not been able to live his dream. Then there are the mothers who sometimes live with an angry husband or who are left on their own to struggle to raise a child when they themselves have little education, less money, and fading hopes and dreams. The children suffer immeasurably for something that is totally out of their realm of control. I wanted to write something that would bring about a clear awareness to this issue where many think that they are just having sexual fun in their youth, but there is no fun in hunger, no fun in abuse, no fun in neglect, and no fun in a loveless home for the children that they bear. The result is heart rendering, but, in *Shattered Pieces*, I attempt to demonstrate that these lives are not irreparable. Teachers and others in the community have a tremendous responsibility to help them see another world. *Shattered Pieces*, the sequel of the *Redemptive Love Series*, helped me, through my character Zack, to exemplify how difficult it is for adults to give love or find love when they have been systematically abused, but how the helping hand of a caring individual can pick them up and lovingly nudge them toward Christ and a much better world.

5. You have won awards from Universities for your contributions to education. How important have these credentials been to enable you to help others?

I look at awards as a gift from God, another opportunity to serve...a gift that He uses to show me that I am walking in His Light. Awards provide opportunities to do bigger and better things for Christ because they are a measure for man. They open doors and with Christ I have walked through them and He multiplies and continues to expand the opportunities. As a result, through Christ, I have been able to help so many young people find a potential they had no idea existed within them, no matter the social class. I have seen them climb out of poverty, out of dysfunction, and out of darkness to become outstanding professionals. Sometimes, with all of my awards and accolades, I have still had to beg them to give me a chance to teach, and when they have relinquished and offered their hearts, I have offered mine in return to give them everything I have within every award, and every lesson I've ever learned.

6. Do you have plans for a third book?

Yes, I do have plans for a third book, but right now, it is only a thought. I think a long time before I put pen to paper, so currently it is simply roaming around in the recesses of my mind.

7. If someone comes to you needing help to construct a book what is the best piece of advice you can give them?

My best advice is to think first before you put pen to paper. Think thoroughly. Know your characters like you know your best friend. Know their thoughts, their feelings, what they will and will not do, what they will admit to and what they won't etc. Be true to them. Let them talk to you, and they will lead you into their world. Be sure that your plot is moving with purposeful action, and, by all means, find a great editor.

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