

# MAGGIE



NEVER BITTER

*THE MUSICAL*

TAJ SHOTWELL

# ***SYNOPSIS***

**A modern-day faith-based take on Snow White.**

**A young and loved teacher, Maggie, learns her father is dying, returns home, and becomes unexpected prey for her deranged stepmother. MNB is a modern reality and part fable family drama/mystery that weaves wealth, danger, betrayal, love, and faith into a richly satisfying story framed in songs, set in Bay Area, CA.**

**Whether Maggie is teaching, discovering true love, bantering with a basketball team, or falling victim to her mentally deranged stepmother's plots, Maggie struggles to follow her dying father's advice to be 'never bitter'. An award-winning musical screenplay, and song.**

**The feature-length workshops and public readings were completed in 2023 and are 110-120 mins. The diverse characters include 5 females and 8 males. The scripts (film-116 pgs. & stage-74pgs.), soundtrack wav files (with and without lyrics), and sheet music are available. More details about MNB are on <https://tajshotwell.com/mnb>.**

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## SONG DEMO samples Google Links (8 OF 16 songs)

Song 4 ***Beauty is Deep*** Maggie, Priscilla, Tammy

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16yNaj7RzRTQ-hfCopqjF-PG93K18CYJd/view?usp=sharing>

Song 5 ***Fyne Thang*** Jennifer

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19aNzzyymmLE82kWqI-YcszcpwRj86L4F4/view?usp=sharing>

Song 6 ***More than Just Friends*** Maggie, Douglass

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1giSZ7J8jyh97mB\\_XaVdBb6-ogo4PrvE5/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1giSZ7J8jyh97mB_XaVdBb6-ogo4PrvE5/view)

Song 7 ***Memories More Precious Than Gold*** Maggie

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hgTnsdMTF6bTk-VY84ZgCB1pEdHV-c3z/view?usp=sharing>

Song 8 ***Who Are We*** Dunkers

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bu4OHQkorgx1gW8svqugSP5eq8mFsAD0/view?usp=sharing>

The Theme Song 14 ***Never Bitter*** (award-winning) Maggie

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15paJ8l03tie-qUcr46xe5PQc7x9ehrUg/view?usp=sharing>

Song 15 ***Can't Live Without You*** Douglass

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zB5TSZp\\_lzUcnRLxNRWX1g5JHFgXbcge/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zB5TSZp_lzUcnRLxNRWX1g5JHFgXbcge/view)

Song 16 ***Our Wedding Day*** The Cast

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VlcML9sn6lgy3g8EG6UA6\\_dNZvit\\_eg/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VlcML9sn6lgy3g8EG6UA6_dNZvit_eg/view?usp=sharing)

Album Release Preview (on iTunes, Apple): <http://itunes.apple.com/album/id1643692911?ls=1&app=itunes>

All songs are heard on YouTube:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWKq\\_vx5z5Q&list=OLAK5uy\\_nFQbGw3Se5zYmDX1p\\_rCbIy9qVb8bK4qc&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWKq_vx5z5Q&list=OLAK5uy_nFQbGw3Se5zYmDX1p_rCbIy9qVb8bK4qc&index=2)

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## AWARDS

Oxford Script Awards (Screenplay) September 22, 2023

Best Script Award – London, England July 31, 2023

Faith in Film: International Film Festival and Screenwriting Competition

Tucson, AZ 85713 April 29, 2023

Best Song Contest Awards, St. Maarten - 2022

IFFF Hollywood, Ca. 2017

ColorTape in Assia 2016

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



### Dr. Theresa Ann James 'Taj' Shotwell Bio

Dr. Taj Shotwell is an educator, Amazon bestselling author, songwriter, poet, award-winning screenwriter, and playwright. Born as Theresa Ann James, 'TAJ', in Fort Eustis, Virginia, the sixth child of eleven children raised by a military career sergeant and a gospel singer/homemaker, both from **Memphis**. A 1968 graduate of **Melrose High School** in Historic Orange Mound, TN. Shotwell earned a Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership from the University of San Francisco, a Master of Business Administration degree in International Business Administration, and a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. Shotwell received an Honorary Degree of Juris Doctor from the University of Northern California-Lorenzo Patio School of Law, Sacramento CA, and a State of California Senate Rules Committee Resolution, by Senator David Roberti, in 1992.

Shotwell started her career as an Accountant/Auditor for 15 years. Taught over 30 years in Business and Educational Leadership at colleges and universities. As a Fully-Honored Professor and Department Chair at Florida A&M University she served on several university committees and community boards. After retirement, she wrote and published six books including the 3-part series of "**Middle Child**" - anthologies coming of age in Memphis and short stories. She wrote a bestselling textbook, "**Professional Development for Pre-professionals**" in 2017. As a screenwriter, she received several awards for the Best Musical Screenplay based on her dramatic book "**Maggie: Never Bitter**" (<https://tajshotwell.com/mnb>). The related play's public readings were at Florida A&M University Essential Theatre and received great reviews. She also wrote, "**Family and Faith Poetry**", an inspirational memoir of 50 short stories/poems about several generations of family and friends in Memphis and international travels. Shotwell has been a guest on several podcasts/radios for her books. She received a **Memphis Living Legend Award** on her birthday in 2019.

Dr. Shotwell enjoys a Christian and healthy lifestyle. As a certified Aerobics and Fitness Instructor, from 2004-2020, she volunteered to teach dance fitness classes throughout the US (including Memphis), and abroad for all ages. She stills volunteers with various organization where she currently resides in Tallahassee, FL. (<https://www.N.com/TeamTajUSA>) Shotwell has one child and two grandchildren.