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East Texas author, JoDee Neathery, has written two award-winning novels, *Life in a Box*, published 2017, and *A Kind of Hush* released July 2021. Both have won the International Firebird Book Awards for literary fiction and were awarded Readers' Favorite 5-Star designations. *A Kind of Hush* received critical acclaim as one of five finalists in the highly contested mystery category of the 16th annual 2022 National Indie Excellence Awards, the 2022 Silver Medal Winner, Readers' Favorite Annual International Book Awards, Literary Fiction, and was a shortlisted finalist in the 11th annual 2022 Millennium Book Awards and Winner in the literary fiction category

Her journey to publication followed an unconventional path void of author credentials, but with the encouragement of her book club, a passion for the written word, a vivid imagination, a sense of humor, and a story to tell she plucked a few personalities off the family tree and *Life in a Box* debuted asking the question, how much would you sacrifice to hide a secret. "*One of those all too rare literary gems.*" Midwest Book Review and a 5-Star review posted on Amazon UK offered this assessment, "*There is an understated audacity to her style of writing which I find quite spellbinding.*"

A Kind of Hush was born in the middle of the night when the first sentence, the ending, and a profile of a young boy appeared. "I didn't know the whole story but knew Gabriel Edward Mackie had to be in whatever I wrote next." Praise followed. "*This family drama is steeped in suspense, but its likeable cast of characters is its main draw,*" Kirkus Reviews. "*Witty, warm, uplifting, and utterly heartbreaking.*" Book Viral Review. "*Poignant and emotionally rich.*" Book View Gold Medallion. "*Intelligent, crisp prose.*" The Prairies Book Review.

JoDee chairs her community book club, is writing another novel, *Dust in the Wind*, and contributes a light-hearted look at life with her byline, Back Porch Musings, to a local newspaper. Books are available through Amazon, <https://jodeeneathery.com>, IngramSpark.com, Smashwords.com, Apple.com, BarnesandNoble.com, Kobobooks.com, Walmart.com, Target.com as well as Texas indie bookstores in Malakoff, Lubbock, San Antonio, Houston.