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BIO

You might find me sipping hot chocolate at Cafe Beignet on Royal Street while writing about what I see in the French Quarter. I might be sitting on a bench in Jackson Square with my sketchbook drawing St. Louis Cathedral, or standing on a streetcar heading to the Garden District where I will wander around Lafayette Cemetery and the local neighborhoods exploring with my camera. I may be out with my husband perusing local flea markets and antique stores for some unique finds to add to our quaint bohemian home in the woods of the north shore of Louisiana. But most times I am sitting on the old wicker swing of my lazy southern porch tending to my plants, a hot cup of lemon mint tea in hand, a cat on my lap, a basset hound at my feet, and reading a good book.

As a creative writer and visual artist, I have the opportunity to blend my inspired soul with my love of local history, folklore, and the paranormal. I tell stories both imagined and genuine, fanciful and authentic...from the Axeman of New Orleans, to my own thrilling experiences throughout my travels, to historical fiction, and to the tales of timeworn southern antebellum plantation homes. I am eager to hear the tales of the past; what will the peeled walls of those plantation homes reveal? What will the victims of the Axeman declare in their own stories? What are the hauntings I have encountered trying to confess? And most importantly, what will my own pen and camera expose behind the closed wooden doors, away from the light of the rotting windowsill, absent of a testimony other than my own?

I have been all over the world in pursuit of my true joy in life. to exploit happiness, humbleness, and adventure in every culture, society, and way of life that I possibly can. I have been to England, Greece, Turkey, Italy, Morocco, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Bahamas, Mexico, Jamaica, and Haiti as well as all over the United States. I love meeting and getting to know the people of these beautiful and diverse countries. I love photographing them and their boldly and richly colorful environments, and writing and sketching about my adventures.

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