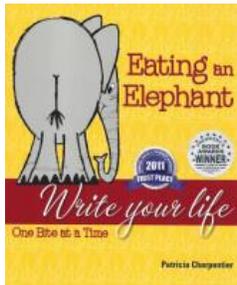


Meet Patricia



Patricia Charpentier, author of the multi-award winning book, *Eating an Elephant: Write Your Life One Bite at a Time*, turned loss into passion when she embarked on a journey to help people give those they love the gift of a lifetime.



She grew up in South Louisiana surrounded by extended family but had no desire to understand the history and culture into which she was born. By the time she became interested, all those who held the answers to her questions were gone. Through ghostwriting memoirs on behalf of others, as well as co-authoring, editing, teaching, speaking, and publishing Patricia has motivated and guided hundreds in leaving written legacies for their families.

She is a recent recipient of the Founders Award by the Florida Authors and Publishers Association (FAPA) for achievement and service to the organization and community through Writing Your Life. In presenting the award, FAPA President Mark Wayne Adams said, “Our recommendation of Patricia Charpentier was based on her dedication to starting a publishing business to help others share their life stories. She has not only grown within the organization but has also encouraged new members to pursue successful writing and publishing careers.”

Owner of Writing Your Life, a company devoted to personal and family history writing, Patricia offers ongoing workshops and classes, including programs that utilize videos, group and one-on-one coaching, and is a popular speaker and seminar leader throughout Florida and South Louisiana.

She's published three other booklets related to life story writing, and her work has been anthologized numerous times. Her byline has also appeared in a variety of periodicals.

Patricia Charpentier holds an M.A. in creative writing from the University of Central Florida and a B.A. in journalism from Louisiana State University and has worked as a memoirist, writing coach, editor, writing instructor, journalist and photographer. She also had a twenty-eight-year career in mortgage banking information technology. Originally from South Louisiana, Patricia now lives in Orlando, Florida with her husband Bob. She loves to dance for exercise but is grateful that the motto of the studio is: *There are no mistakes, only solos.*

To find out more about Patricia Charpentier and *Eating an Elephant: Write Your Life One Bite at a Time*, contact the author directly by email at patricia@writingyourlife.org or phone at 321.279.1791.