# Carmen Goldthwaite: Author, Storyteller, Writing Teacher



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## PUBLISHING HISTORY

### Books & Anthologies:

*Texas Ranch Women: Three Centuries of Mettle and Moxie,* Oct. 2014, The History Press, Charleston, S. C.

*Texas Dames: Sassy & Savvy Women Throughout Lone Star History.* Oct. 2012, The History Press, Charleston, S.C.

*Whispering Spirits, The DeSpain Family Saga*: An historical fiction series, pending publication. 2021.

*Chicken Soup of the Soul: The Magic of Mothers and Daughters,* “Burgers and Butterflies,” 2012.

*Chicken Soup of the Soul: Miracles Happen, “*Night Bull,” 2014

*Writers Guide(s) to 2010 - 2014;* Writers Institute Publications, West Redding, CT.

*The Way West: True Stories of the American Frontier*, “Dancing in the Eye of the Storm,” Tor-Forge Publishers, WWA Anthology, 2005.

*Wild Women of the Old West*, an anthology, “The Yellow Rose of Texas,” Fulcrum Publishing, 2003.

### Newspaper & Magazine:

Contributing writer: *True West, Wild West, Persimmon Hill, Fort Worth, TX, New York Times/Financial, American Cowboy, Latitudes & Attitudes* (inland sailing features); poetry, *The Storyteller* *—* (2000-2018);

Columnist, “Texas Dames™,” self-syndicated to community Texas dailies and weeklies (2005-2009)

Columnist (“Her Story”) & Book Reviewer— *Fort Worth Star Telegram (*1996-2002).

Reporter/Writer/Investigative Reporter, *Houston Chronicle, The Fort Worth Press* & *Scripps Howard News, Dallas Morning News, Odessa American, Midland Reporter Telegram, Brownwood Bulletin.* (1964-1973 & 1980-1981)

### Other Communications Stints:

Press Secretary, U. S. Rep. Dale Milford — aviation and space technology & House Committee on

Intelligence aide, 1973-1976

Speech Writer & Government Affairs Representative — Shell Oil Co., 1976-1979

Media Relations Manager & Executive Speech Writer — Brown & Root Inc., 1980-1984

## TEACHING

WRITERS’ CIRCLES, facilitator, host and teacher, 2009 - present

SMU Creative Writing, The Writing Path, 1998 to 2020

TCU, Instructor, Schieffer School of Journalism, Media Writing, 2005 to 2009

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

**Writing Skills (Fiction and Nonfiction)** — to Writers’ conferences, Women’s clubs, libraries and genealogical groups, writers’ groups, seminars and workshops. 2005 - Present

#### WRITING ORGANIZATIONS, CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS:

Weatherford Public Library – “Weaving Genealogy into Stories,” July 2019

Arlington Heights Christian Church, “Finding Your Story,” Nov 2019

The Texas Writers Guild, Point of View – May 2018

East Texas Writers Guild conference 2015—Scene & Setting & Point of View

Northeast Texas Writers Organization, 2015, Point of View, Description with Movement.

Fort Worth Public Library, Finding the Story & Memoir, July & August 2014;

Dallas Fort Worth Writers Workshop Conference, 2008, 2011, 2014 — Dialogue, Creative Nonfiction and Finding the Story, Setting Scenes & Description & Movement, Narrative

Nonfiction.

Professional Insurance Communicators of America (PICA); “Storycraft,” July 2013

The Texas Writers Guild, “Creative Nonfiction”--March 2012

National Novel Writing Month in November (NaNoWriMo), “Dialogue, the Tension Engine of Fiction,” 2011

Texas Writers League annual agents convention, “Voice, Suspense & Style,” Austin, TX (2005)

Creative Writing department, “Dialogue” and “Story,” Woman’s Club of Fort Worth (annually,

2003-2005)

Novice writing classes at First Christian & First Methodist Churches, Fort Worth, 2002-2005

### GUEST SPEAKER / LECTURER

**Texas History** – around the state to various chapters of Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Daughters of the American Revolution, Women’s Clubs and Forums, Libraries, Archives, Colleges and Universities and multiple Study Groups. 2002 – Present.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Highland Park chapter, Jan. 2020; Sam Houston Chapter, “Outstanding Women in Texas History,” 2012

Grapevine Historical/Genealogical, Jan 2018

Van Zandt County Historical/Genealogical Library, Oct 2017

Mesquite History/Genealogical Assn., Apr 2017

Texas State Historical Assn., annual convention, March 2016

Western Writers of America, National Convention, June 2015

Pioneer Farms, Austin, March 2015 & 2018

The Westerners, Fort Worth Corral, annually (2002- 2005, 2012 & 2014),

Cleburne Public Library – 2018;

Mesquite Assn. Retired School Employees: April 2018

Stayton House, Fort Worth, Jan 2017, “The Texas Dames & Ranch Women”

Daughters of the Texas Republic: Arlington Bluebonnet, 2015; Fort Worth, 2014;

Breckenridge, 2013; Brady, 2013; Abilene Public Library**,** March 2015

Fort Worth Public Library - 2015

Texas Library – Woman’s Club of Fort Worth – Women’s History Fundraiser, 2015

Billy Sills Lecture, FWISD, Nov 2015 & 2013

Tarrant County College Downtown; “Women Who Reached for the Stars,” 2012

Arlington Women’s Club, Innerbrook, Nov. 2015

Howard Payne University Library, 2014

Brownwood/Brown County Library/Historical Assn., 2014

Dallas Women’s Club, June 2013

Langdon Weekend, Granbury, TX, 2007, Texas Dames

Women’s Forum of Wichita Falls, TX, 2005

Milam County Historical Society Symposium (October 2004)

National Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame—(Spring 2003)—“Books & Authors,” “The Yellow Rose

of Texas”

Forts of Texas Symposia, “Petticoats around the Post,” Fort Worth, 2002

## EDUCATION

Texas Christian University, 2016 – 2018 Brite Divinity School; Chaplain certificate

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, 1972, M.Ed. Student Personnel

Services/Psychology

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, 1966, BA Journalism/Advertising/Psychology

## PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY

### Professional:

Director and Vice Chair, *Women of the Southwest Archives,* SMU DeGolyer Library,

2014-2018;

Member, Western Writers of America since 2005; Spur Award Judge, Membership chair

(Texas), 2007, 2013

Member, former director, Society of Professional Journalists

Member, former director, DFWWriters’ Workshop

Associate Member, Texas Press Association

Member, Investigative Reporters & Editors (IRE)

Member, The Westerners

Member, Texas State Historical Association

Member, Western History Association

### Community/Fort Worth:

On call Chaplain, Texas Health/Harris Southwest Hospital, 2017 - 2020

Chair of “Spirituality & Aging” Fort Worth Conference, 1st Christian Church (October

2004); adviser to 1st Methodist of Fort Worth’s October 2005 Aging conference

Former Director, Friends of the Library, Fort Worth

Former Director, Lone Star Sierra Club Chapter

Publicity Chair, American Indian Chamber of Commerce (Texas)

Communications Committee, American Heart Association, Fort Worth

TCU Alumni Association / Frog Club / TCU Women Exes