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Date of Birth: March 22, 1952
Married: 4 children

EDUCATION:

Hamden High School, Hamden, CT. 1970
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.
BS Speech Pathology 1974
Southern Connecticut State College, New Haven CT.
MA Deaf Education 1977
Institute of Children's Literature, Redding, CT.
Writing for Children and Teenagers certificate 1982

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Currently: Adjunct instructor in MFA writing program Chatham University and Seton Hill College, writing, teaching workshops and school/library visits around the world.

Sept. 2002-2004- Part time public relations for Hopital Albert Schweitzer, Pittsburgh Office, writing PR materials and annual report.

Sept. 2002-Present- Volunteer with Somali Refugees, Pittsburgh, Refugee Center.

Sept.2001-Sept. 2002: Director of Public Relations, Hopital Albert Schweitzer, Deschapelles, Haiti. Responsibilities include writing stories and articles for newsletters, brochures, annual reports and fundraising material.

1998-2001: Instructor Institute of Children's Literature, West Redding, CT part time instruction in writing for children by correspondence.

1998-present: Seton Hill College, Greensburg, PA, adjunct instructor for graduate writing program. Also adjunct instructor graduate writing program, Chatham College, Pittsburgh, PA.

Spring 1996: Teacher, Western Pennsylvania Writer's Workshop, University of Pittsburgh

1994-1996: Teacher, workshops Writing for Children and Young Adults, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and Pinocchio Bookstore for Children.

1990-93: While living in Deschapelles Haiti at the Albert Schweitzer Hospital, I was writing full time. I also volunteered on the board of the TB ward and started a cottage industry working with local artists and seamstresses to produce quilts and raise funds for the hospital.

1984-Present: Writer, guest speaker as visiting author for schools, libraries, reading associations and guest lecturer at seminars, and conferences across the country including NCTE.

1980-83: Peace Corps Volunteer- Malawi, Africa, Teacher-English Literature and ESL in Nsanji District Secondary School, Teacher of the Deaf - Monteforte School for the Deaf, Blantyre, Malawi. Distance Study with the Institute of Children's literature, completed program in writing for children

1977-80: Teacher of the Deaf--Area Cities Educational Services(ACES), Green Acres School, North Haven, Connecticut. Head Teacher for an integrated program for normal hearing and hearing impaired elementary age children. K-5.

1975-76: Teacher's aide, K-5 hearing impaired classes. (ACES)

PUBLICATIONS:

GALIMOTO, illustrated by Catherine Stock, Lothrop, Lee, and Shepard Books, 1990.

1991 Reading Rainbow Feature Book

Trumpet Book Club Selection

New York Times Book Review Best Books of the year and Summer Reading Selection

Martin Luther King I have a Dream Award

BASEBALL AND BUTTERFLIES, Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Books, 1990.

"An expertly done chapter book."- Kirkus

WHEN AFRICA WAS HOME, illustrated by Floyd Cooper, Orchard Books, 1991.

FIRST GRADE KING, Clarion Books, 1992.

APPLEBAUM'S GARAGE, Clarion Books, 1993.

A junior Library Guild Selection

TAP-TAP, Clarion Books , 1994

A Junior Library Guild Selection

Hungry Mind Review Book of Distinction, 1995

A REAL CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR, Clarion Books, 1995.
Nominated for the 1997 Missouri Association of School Librarians Mark Twain Award.

“Language in Books with a Multicultural and International Focus: In praise of the Language Gods.” BOOKS THAT INVITE TALK, WONDER AND PLAY. National Council of Teachers of English, 1996.

PAINTED DREAMS, Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Books, 1998.

ONE THING I’M GOOD AT, Harper Collins, 1999

CIRCLES OF HOPE, Eerdmans books for Children, 2005

FOUR FEET, TWO SANDALS, Eerdmans books for Children, 2007

A number of magazine stories and articles have appeared in publications such as Highlights For Children, Alive!, and Junior Medical Detective.

Selections for Harcourt Brace Reading Assessment testing programs, 1999-2000.

Chicken Soup for the Outdoor Soul, “To Plant a Tree” 2004.
Chicken Soup for the Child’s Soul, “The Best Toys Ever” 2007

MISSING MOON MYSTERY, Harcourt Achieve, Rigby Literacy Revision Reading Program, 2007

WHOSE SHOES, University of Pittsburgh, Cancer Institute, Center for Environmental Oncology, Publication date to be announced.

Adult Poetry

HOMEWOOD CEMEMTERY, Pittsburgh Post Gazette, 2006

BECAUSE IT’S SUMMER, Pittsburgh Post Gazette, 2007

First STEP, Pittsburgh Post Gazette, 2008

BITTERSWEET, Empire Review 2008

Forth Coming Publications:

MY NAME IS SANGOEL, Eerdmans books for Children, July 2009

LUBUTO MEANS LIGHT, Boyds Mills Press, 2010

A BEACH TAIL, Boyds Mills Press, 2010

NOT ALONE, Frances Lincoln, publication date to be announced

***See Bio under Contacts on website for more about Karen Lynn Williams her books and awards.