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UNSPOKEN LOVE

A NOVEL BASED ON A TRUE STORY

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Seefas wasn't sure what to expect from his latest guardian angel assignment. The Lord had told him he would be protecting a little girl seen by the world as incomplete and imperfect; some would even say that she should not be given a chance to enter this world, which seemed simply unconscionable. He was prepared to go protect this little one with everything he had in him, but he was unprepared for the relationship he would develop with this precious child—a relationship unlike anything he had ever known.

Unspoken Love is a literary exploration of one family's journey through loving and raising a child with a severely limiting health condition. Readers will see how God used one child's precious broken life to touch the lives of those around her and marvel at the depth of her spiritual relationship with the Lord in the absence of any spoken language.

Unspoken Love can help all of us realize that God has a special purpose for each one of our lives.



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About the Author

DANIELLE SHRYOCK

Danielle Shryock grew up as a child of missionary parents. After her dad retired from the Marines, her parents felt the Lord calling them to the mission field; less than a month later, they were in the Philippines with their four children. While there, they brought two more kids into their family. Danielle has lived in four countries and twenty different homes, and attended nine schools. She graduated with her bachelor's degree in psychology. After graduating, she kept herself busy being a full-time mom to her three children. When her kids were young, she found herself a single mom. Fourteen years later, she can look back and see how God blessed them in countless ways and is so thankful that all her children are walking with the Lord. Danielle works in children's ministry at Good Shepherd Community Church in Boring, Oregon.

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What Others Are Saying About **Unspoken Love**

Danielle Shryock has eyes to see her daughter's disability as a bridge to draw others toward Christ. *Unspoken Love* points us to Jesus and the sanctity of life, and recognizes God is at work in each and every circumstance in our lives.

— **Randy Alcorn, author of *Heaven, Safely Home, and Deadline***

Unspoken Love is a book about many of life's most potent realities. Danielle's writing is intriguing . . . Heaven is in these pages. There is no earthly quality stronger than a parent's love for a child. Such love is traced on every page. The majesty of a personal relationship with the Living God is here. Our God's fingerprints are everywhere in this deeply personal book. . . . Read *Unspoken Love*. Be intrigued. At multiple levels. And watch your soul grow.

— **Stu Weber, lead pastor emeritus, Good Shepherd Community Church; author of several bestselling books, including *Spirit Warriors* and *Tender Warrior***

Jesus is vividly seen and experienced by anyone who has the pleasure of knowing Danielle Shryock. This woman has known deep pain and loss, but has found deeper joy through a living relationship with the King. She's a gracious, humble woman of wisdom. I invite you to hear from a heart that will refresh your soul and draw you to Him.

— **Alan Hlavka, pastor at Good Shepherd Community Church**

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Suggested Interview Questions

For Danielle Shryock, author of

Unspoken Love

A Novel Based on a True Story

Q: When did you first realize you wanted to be a writer?

A: I didn't really set out to be a writer. I always enjoyed making up stories and acting them out as a child. But it wasn't until I read the book *Angel Behind the Rocking Chair* by Pam Vredevelt that I became truly inspired to begin writing.

Q: Where did you get you information or idea for your book?

A: After my daughter was born and diagnosed with a chromosomal disorder, I struggled for about a year accepting that this was my new life. I prayed that the Lord would help me fall in love with who He made Nikki to be. Then I read Pam's book, *Angel Behind the Rocking Chair*, and it confirmed what I always believed to be true, that my daughter could see her angel. I thought, "Hey, I could write a book about this too!" So, I bowed my head and prayed each time that I went to the computer to write that the Lord would speak to me as I wrote and help me see the blessings in who He made my girl to be.

Q: What was one of the most surprising things you learned in creating your book?

A: I sat down to write from my own experience and for the Lord to teach me how to love my girl well. I think what surprised me the most is that He did just that! I truly fell in love with who He made Nikki to be and realized that my story could touch countless others who need to learn a similar lesson. Their walk in life may look different than mine, but I realized that we all need to learn to love our kids for who God made them to be.

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Q: Did you first come up with an outline for your book, or, since it is based on your family's true story, were you able to just let it flow?

A: I had a basic outline. I sat down and wrote out all the significant things that had happened to us in the first few years of my daughter's life that I wanted to make sure I included in my book. Because my book is fiction based on real events in our lives, besides the basic outline, I just wrote to see where the book would take me. As my book developed, I would continue to write notes in my outline that I would eventually want to include.

Q: How long did it take you to write your book?

A: I would say that I wrote about 70% of my book within a year's time. Then life events kept me from writing for several years. My dad, who was my inspiration to actually begin the writing process, died. My dad had written several books himself, so he would read what I had written and encouraged me to keep going. Then my husband left and sent me on a tailspin for several years. It was my mom who encouraged me to start up on my book again. My book begins with the marriage that I had once had and continues with a marriage that the Lord may one day bring my way. So now, fourteen years later, I'm getting it published.

Q: What is the hardest thing about writing?

A: I was my own worst enemy in the writing process. I would be going along great and then I would start doubting my ability to actually write a book. I would pray through this and get to the place where I felt confident to continue, and then the doubts would creep in again. I think because I was writing what I know, it was pretty easy to do when I got the doubts set aside.

Q: What does your family think of your writing?

A: They are my biggest supporters. My youngest is convinced it's the next best seller. I always laugh and tell him I guess we shall see.

Q: Do you plan to write another book?

A: I have actually finished another book, and it is in the process of being published now. Writing was healing for me: it helped me accept and fall in love with who my

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girl is. The next book will be focused on walking through the pain when my husband walked out on us. Writing what I know brings healing through the hard times.

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