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Cornbread: A Novel

Down the rabbit hole of a west Tennessee family reunion

Mad aunts, intrusive uncles, contrary cousins

A woman running from her mother's mental decline

The white rabbit of a beloved family recipe

An Alice of the modern South attempts to remake her world her way

It's no tea party, finding yourself inside Wonderland



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She began her career as a high school English teacher at Immaculate Conception Cathedral School but later worked as a paralegal then as a corporate writer before settling at her local newspaper, The Evening Times in West Memphis, AR. Over the next decade, she wore every hat offered her – community photographer, school publicist, beat journalist, managing editor, and movie reviewer (her favorite job).

She left the newspaper to raise two kiddos and hone her story-telling skills in fiction. Her first novel reflects her time as caregiver for her father and mother in their mental decline. *Cornbread: A Novel* is a love letter to all who share this same tender struggle within their own families.

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