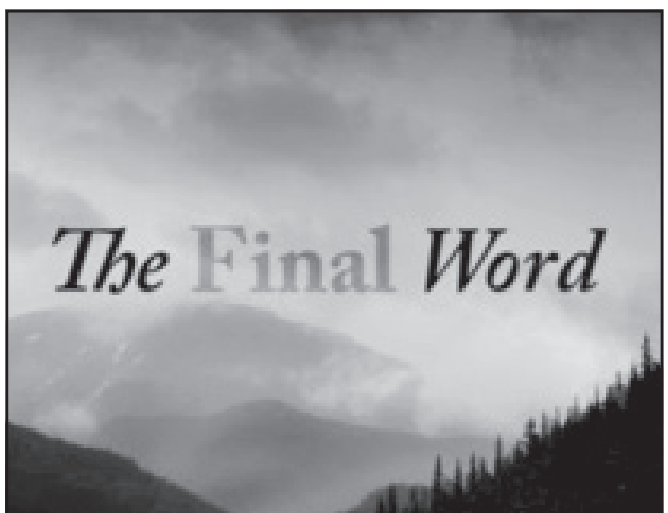
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Fleming County author releases The Final Word: A True Account of Murder and Redemption





"I was the one to be called upon in the night for reasons I do not know and compelled to follow my God through places I could never have imagined. I would become a part of something so overwhelmingly grotesque and foul but, yet, laden with such beauty and power that I could not look away."

The Final Word: A True Account of Murder and Redemption begins with author Jenny Taylor's midnight prayer for her father's salvation and expands into an intricately woven story of murder, fraught family history, and dangerous confrontations with family and strangers. Jenny not only ends up face-to-face with her dad's murderer in a Tennessee courthouse, but through a humbling experience she is also called to forgive the man who brutally took her father's life. This memoir is rich with bold characters, Southern roots, and unforgettable events that expose the horrors and glory of this tale.

"I was jolted awake during the night of February 12, 2011, by a commanding feeling of urgency to pray for my dad. There in the darkness of my room, God revealed to me my dad was going to die – but I was not told how soon or by what means his life would end. In the midst of that midnight prayer, I was also asked a question: "Would you be thankful no matter what?" The following day, my dear father, Junior Taylor, was brutally murdered in his home in Tennessee, which was then set on fire to cover up the crime. That question would both haunt and challenge me to my very core. It would become unshakable from the events that were to take place along the vile journey I was called upon to take.

Two and a half years later, inside the Coffee County Courthouse, the end of this life-altering journey came into sight as I stood face-to-face with the man who so gruesomely stole my father's life. It was there that I miraculously saw forgiveness take form and hover over the murderer as God spoke to him through me."

Jenny Taylor's The Final Word is an intricately woven, deeply personal story of love, incomprehensible evil, beauty, the surety of God, and the undeniable power of forgiveness when extending grace seems impossible.

Author Jenny Taylor resides in rural northeast Kentucky, living on a producing farm coowned with her sons. She has experience in a wide array of jobs from housekeeping to working for a public defense attorney, but her passions are for her faith, farming, and volunteering however she can.

Jenny remarks, "My two sons and I have been a part of the Flemingsburg community for 2 years now, after being homeless all across this nation for several months, joined by a 600lb. sow, and my best dairy goats, along with some chickens, all in a desperate search of acceptance and a chance. It was as a modern-day Grapes of Wrath from west to east though, we are from TN originally, but our journey of survival began in the mountains of northern CA. Our time of homelessness and how we got here is an incredible story in itself. A miracle really and funny for sure!"

She continues, "My sons, Travis and Jacob Finney, and I live on a growing dairy goat farm, Forever Yours Farm, with hopes of it becoming a thriving, productive goat milk producer. Clean, rich goat milk is the best and so good for you."

Regarding her novel, she remarks, "The Final Word is a story that centers around the brutal murder of my dear father Junior Taylor, but it is far more than an account of that horrific event. The real heart of The Final Word is of the power of forgiveness, how real our God is, Southern roots, and that beauty truly can come out of the ugliest of times."

She continues, "I am a first-time published author who knew nothing of the publishing world, so this has been quite a journey for me to say the least. I originally had handwritten this book in a notebook for my children to have as a way to remember who their Papa was and to never lose sight of how great God is. But after some time, it became very apparent to me that this powerful story was meant to be known far beyond just my family.

The thought of others reading such personal, intimate details about my family and seeing my heart was scary to me and I actually cried when I felt God's leading for it to be published but I quickly picked myself up and got to work to do what I was meant to do.

In my ignorance I had thought that if someone had a good story that was all it took for a publishing company to take notice of your manuscript and the door for a book to be published would be opened. I learned quickly that is not at all how it works. I had a compelling story yes and written it to the best of my abilities, yet I quickly found out that was not enough to even just be able to submit my manuscript to a publisher. I had nothing the publishing world looked for, no money, no name for myself, no social media, and no book agent. I do have determination though and the will to do what my God tells me to do, but to tell you the truth, both ran terribly thin with constant rejections regularly pouring in. Finally, after more than a year, Wipf and Stock Publishers saw the value and importance of The Final Word and told me it was a story that had to be told. I definitely agreed.

So here we are, a year later after publication and the work is still not done. This book is published and beautiful yes, but it's just sitting in a warehouse not being read. My hopes and prayers for this book is that people all across the country and beyond will read this story and it will minister to them, encourage them, bless them in life changing ways."

Regarding Jenny's novel, Hank Graeser, author of Still on the Way: A Father's Journey to Hope, praises, "A dream portends the violent storm that threatens to swamp the boat of Taylor's life when her beloved father is murdered. The reader willing to brave the storm that ensues and hold on with her through chaos, trauma, and uncertainty will see the master she loves speak 'Peace, be still.' Through a miraculous, surreal act of forgiveness to the murderer, the storm is stilled, and she can live on."

To order Jenny Taylor's novel The Final Word: A True Account of Murder and Redemption, contact your favorite bookseller or order directly from the publisher, via www.wipfandstock.com, phone (541)344-1528, or e-mail at orders@wipfandstock.com.

Mt. Olivet Police

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Mount Olivet will continue to thrive in the years ahead.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve this remarkable community. I wish you, the City Council, and all the citizens of Mount Olivet continued success and prosperity.

Chief Charles R. Blackmar, Jr.

Chief of Police, City of Mount Olivet, Kentucky"

Local teacher shares collegiate experience, encourages others to get involved

Charity Dow, a graduate of Maysville Community and Technical College, is returning to the classroom this fall—but this time, she'll be leading the lessons.

Dow completed her associate in applied science and associate in art in May 2024, shortly before transferring to Morehead State University (MSU) to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education.

"I chose MCTC for the affordability and close distance to home," Dow said.

Because of the college's proximity to home, Dow completed her field experience hours at a school district she loved and now works there full-time.

Along the way, she developed close relationships with her professors—who encouraged and pushed her to further her education.

"Building relationships with your professors can make a huge difference in your collegiate experience. They can become some of your greatest supporters," she remarked.

As she enters the teaching career, Dow noted the importance of not being afraid to connect with your instructors.

"Answer questions during lectures, participate in labs, see professors during office hours, and show that you're interested in learning," she said.

Additionally, Dow encourages current and prospective students at MCTC to get involved in organizations on campus—highlighting her own experience in that area.

"I was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, which provided me with resources that helped me further my education at MSU," she said.

Being involved in student organizations can help foster relationships with classmates, increase your skills and knowledge, and potentially secure future opportunities with four-year universities, or employers.

For more information on programs at MCTC, go to https://maysville.kctcs.edu.

About MCTC

Maysville Community and Technical College is a two-year college that has been serving the region since 1968. As part of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, MCTC provides education and training close to where people live and work. To learn more about the programs of study at MCTC, visit www.maysville.kctcs.edu.

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NICHOLAS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, KENTUCKY
Case No: 24-P-00016
In Re; The Estate of Paul Russell Ridner

TO: Unknown Heirs, Legatees, Devisees, Beneficiaries, of Paul Russell Ridner.

You are hereby notified that you have been named as a party in a civil action filed in Robertson Circuit Court, Kentucky. The action is filed a Motion to Determine Heirs.
I, Hon. Andrea N. Bussell, a regular practicing attorney in Robertson County, have been appointed as Warning Order Attorney to notify you of the nature and pendency of this action. Please be advised that you are deemed summoned on the 30th day after the entry of my warning order and this action may then proceed with or without your participation.
Should you wish to defend this action, or if you are under any legal disability preventing such defense, it is imperative that such facts be made of record in the case and any contemplated action taken as soon as possible. Your prompt response to this notice is crucial. Please contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss this matter further using the information below.

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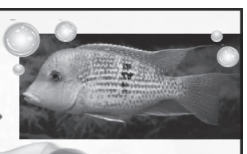


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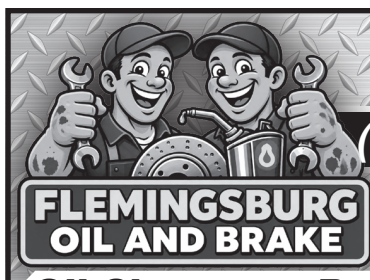


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