

Patti Greene, a former librarian at Mayde Creek High School, penned *Awaken Me: A Devotional Prayer Journal*



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Former Mayde Creek High School librarian Patti Greene is inspired to create a devotional prayer journal

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Even as a child, Patti Greene understood the value of a good book. “My father was a book-a-holic,” Greene laughs. “A room wasn’t a room unless it had a book shelf in it somewhere.”

Never one to call herself a “bookworm,” Greene distinctly remembers a moment in high school when her father did not feel she had been reading enough. “He made me sit down and read an article about Bangladesh,” she recalls. “To this day, whenever I hear about Bangladesh, I remember sitting at the dining table and being ‘forced’ to read that article.”

With a love a literature instilled in her throughout her life, it is no wonder that Greene is now a published author.

A Seed Is Planted

After graduating from high school at the age of 16, Greene received a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and education from Baylor University. “I considered taking classes to become a librarian, but as a young person, I thought I would have to wear frumpy wool skirts, glasses, and my hair back in a bun,” she says.

With a thirst for knowledge, Greene pursued graduate studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Missouri. Luckily, Greene realized that librarians could dress however they pleased, and she accepted a position at Mayde Creek High School. “I loved serving as their librarian,” Greene says. “I was asked to open a new school in Katy, but never really considered it. I loved MCHS too much.” Greene served as their librarian for 15 years before she retired.

An Idea Takes Root

Greene’s favorite thing about books is their variety of topics. “I read many different genres including Christian books, medical fiction, and legal fiction.”

While reading her Bible one day, Greene was enthralled by some of the beautiful and intriguing word medleys. She highlighted

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the words and phrases that spoke to her most. Though she didn’t know it at the time, those phrases would eventually serve as headings for her book entries.

John, Greene’s husband of 34 years, was scheduled to teach a Sunday school lesson on prayer journaling and suggested that she lead the class that day. “I did, and that is when the real catalyst came about for me to write a book,” claims Greene.

Her husband fully supported the idea, and her three grown children encouraged her to make it happen. “Even now, I feel like it isn’t really my book,” she says. “I believe God inspired me to write this book for Him.”

Branching Out

All 365 undated entries in *Awaken Me: A Devotional Prayer Journal*, include at least one verse from each book of the Bible and have space to personalize the journal with inspirational thoughts, fears, goals, and reflections.

To use the journal most effectively, she suggests finding a quiet, comfortable place to pray and reflect on God’s Word. Greene hopes her book will help encourage others to grow in their relationship with God. KM

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