

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

She's a Writer?

Kimberly "Kimba" J. Dalferes is a former Justice Department official whose publications, until recently, focused on criminal and juvenile justice issues. She has written on a variety of topics including girls in the juvenile justice system, disproportionate minority confinement, community safety and mobilization, and high visibility traffic enforcement. While at the National Crime Prevention Council (where she worked after leaving the Justice Department), her responsibilities included the publication of the annual report [*Mobilizing the Nation to Prevent Crime, Violence and Substance Abuse*](#). She also served as the Editor of the [*Rural Meth Debrief*](#), the monthly publication of the *Rural Law Enforcement Methamphetamine Initiative*.

What Does She Write?

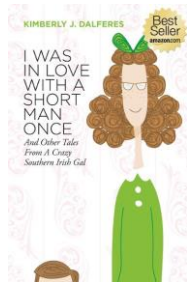
In 2010 Dalferes began to pursue a lifelong dream of writing and publishing essays that center upon her personal experiences. Her first published essay, *Rubberbands*, was featured in [*Marco Polo Quarterly*](#) (now renamed *Marco Polo Arts Magazine*). This was followed by the publication of [*Trivial Pursuits*](#) by *Hippocampus Magazine*. Both *Rubberbands* and *Trivial Pursuits* are included in her first book [*I Was In Love With A Short Man Once*](#) which was published in November 2011. Kimba is currently finishing her second book, tentatively titled: *Magic Fishing Panties*. Her essay *Exposed Temptations* was selected as a winner of the 2013 *Virginia Writers Club Summer Shorts Competition*, and her essay *Nutter House* is featured in the anthology [*Voices From Smith Mountain Lake*](#) (October 2013). Dalferes is a contributing writer for [*Smith Mountain Laker Magazine*](#) which will debut her humor column, *Dock Tale Hour*, in May 2014.

Where Can I Find Her?

Kimba's musings can be found on her blog [*The Middle-Aged Cheap Seats*](#). She is also frequently featured as a guest blogger on diverse subjects. Her essays have appeared on [*Morgen Bailey's Writing Blog*](#), [*Estate Sales.Net*](#), [*Generation Fabulous*](#), [*Midlife Boulevard*](#), and [*The Business of Being an Author*](#). She was recently elected to serve on the Board of Governors of the Virginia Writers Club (2014 *Member-At-Large*). She's honored to be featured in the [*Orangeberry Book Tours 2012 Hall of Fame*](#), and is a showcased writer in [*The Authors Show, 50 Great Writers You Should Be Reading \(2012\)*](#). *I Was In Love With A Short Man Once* also won first place - gold - in the [*AuthorsDB 2013 Book Cover Contest*](#).

Does She Do Anything Else?

Dalferes is a native Floridian, but has spent the past eighteen years pretending to be a Virginian. Her accomplishments have included successfully threading a sewing bobbin, landing a 35 pound Alaskan King salmon, and scoring a ceramic sangria pitcher at an estate sale for \$1. She recently discovered that there is a very real possibility that she might be related to Princess Margaret Tudor, the sister of King Henry the VIII (on her mama's side). A proud Florida State University graduate, Kimba often sings the Seminole fight song out loud for no reason other than she still knows all the words. She currently divides her time between Fairfax and Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia with her husband Greg, dog Taz, Bonz the cat, and occasionally her son Jimmy, when he is home from college.



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