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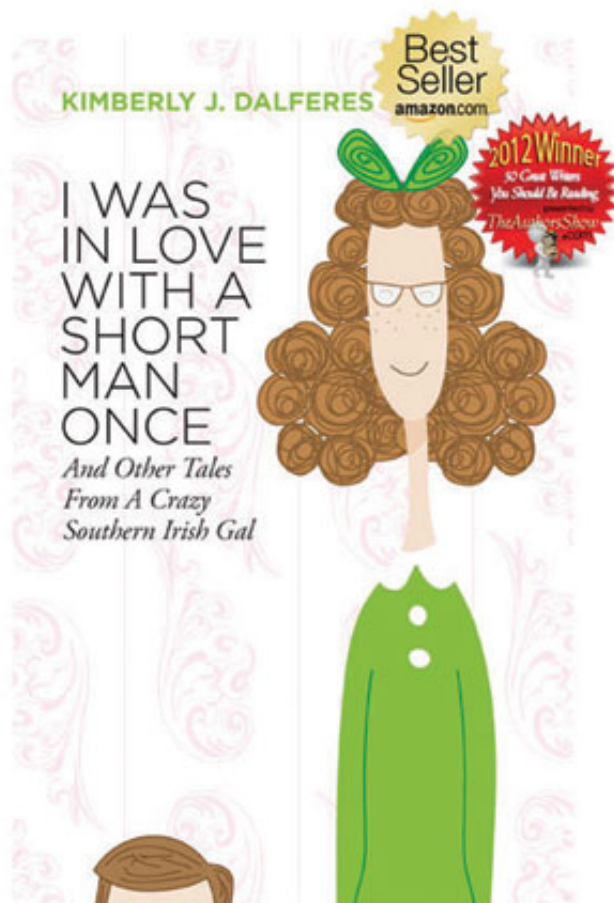
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# Love With a Short Man Once

## Local Author Spotlight



One of the newest members on the Smith Mountain Lake writing scene, Kimberly “Kimba” Dalferes has a style that has been compared to that of the late, great Erma Bombeck. Dalferes’ first published work, “I Was in Love With a Short Man Once,”

**is a collection of personal short stories from a self-described crazy, Southern, Irish gal.**

**“I started writing the book thinking it would be mostly about family and my son, but it evolved into also being a missive for my gal pals – the women who stick by you all your life,” said Dalferes. “There are few things in life that cannot be resolved through a good pedicure, a shot of tequila, some chocolate, and a good laugh with your gal pals (not necessarily in that order).”**

**In the book, Dalferes reflects on growing up as a child of limited means in south Florida; crazy college antics; balancing work as a federal official with the joys of single motherhood; and navigating the amusing challenges of being a second-time-around wife.**

**“The book is an engaging, sweet, and hilarious memoir,” said Sally Roseveare, a fellow member of Lake Writers. “I don’t usually read memoirs, but I thoroughly enjoyed this one. I laughed long and hard while reading about some of her college escapades, teared up over some of her poignant stories, and finished the book wishing there were more chapters to read.”**

**Published by FriesenPress, “I Was in Love With a Short Man Once” is available through the Franklin County Public Library. It also may be purchased online through**

**amazon.com in hardcover, paperback and e-book forms.**

**I'm pleased to welcome Dalferes a freelancer writer for Laker Magazine. Her debut humor column, Dock Tale Hour, debuts in this issue on Page 128.**

**— *Andie Gibson, Editor***

## **READER REVIEWS**

### **JFK and the Unspeakable**

***By James W. Douglass***

**There have been many books written about the assassination of John F. Kennedy, but this one stands head and shoulders above the rest. The research and documentation are superb, and the author's telling is accessible and well organized. Douglass documents the many associations and communications that lead the reader to the unthinkable: That Kennedy's assassination was orchestrated by forces within our military-industrial-intelligence complex. As we review the history of the past 50 years, the implications are alarming.**

**— *John Ketwig, Bedford***

### **LeaderShift**

***By Orrin Woodward and Oliver DeMille***

**“LeaderShift” is written as a fiction story of business-turnaround specialist David Mersher who achieves great**

**career success before retiring. He then gets to work identifying the “Five Laws of Decline” that former world powers allowed to erode their economies. America is on track to achieve all five. Most of us realize America today is much different than it was 50 years ago, and may say. “Why don’t they do something?” They are all of us. This book offers non-partisan, real solutions to America’s gridlock.**

**— *Denny Smith, Moneta***

## **EDITOR’S PICK**

### **Mudbound**

***By Hillary Jordan***

**Continuing my string of books with the theme of racial injustice set in the South (“To Kill a Mockingbird” and “Whistling Past the Graveyard”), I devoured “Mudbound” on a recent vacation. Shifting in narrative voice between six characters, the book is lyrical, compelling and fast-paced. Set in 1946, it focuses on the life of Laura McAllan, a college-educated Memphis teacher who becomes a reluctant farmer’s wife in Mississippi. When two young World War II veterans return to the farm, both struggling with the horrors they’ve seen and both unable to bow to Mississippi social norms after their experiences in Europe, turmoil ensues. I found myself thinking about the dramatic conclusion of this book a number of times in the days after finishing it.**

# — Andie Gibson

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