

Kimberly Dalferes

CRAZY SOUTHERN IRISH GAL & AUTHOR, BLOGGER IN "THE MIDDLE-AGED CHEAP SEATS."



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's written on a variety of topics including girls in the juvenile justice system, disproportionate minority confinement, community safety and mobilization, and law enforcement leadership. While at the National Crime Prevention Council, 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 writing and publishing creative nonfiction. Her first published essay, *Rubberbands*, was featured in *Marco Polo Quarterly*. This was followed by *Trivial Pursuits in Hippocampus Magazine*. Both *Rubberbands* and *Trivial Pursuits* are included in her first book, *I Was In Love With a Short Man Once* (Friesen Press, November 2011; Mill Park Publishing (MPP), June 2015).

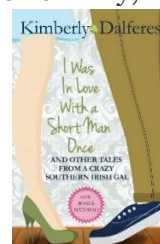
Dalferes' second book, *Magic Fishing Panties*, was released by Booktrope Publishing in August 2015 (re-released by MPP in May 2016). Her two-book bundle, *Crazy Southern Irish Gal*, was also released by MPP in 2016. Her essays have appeared in diverse publications:

- *Exposed Temptations* and *Peas Behind the Washer* (both featured in *Magic Fishing Panties*) were selected as winners of the 2013 and 2014 Virginia Writers Club (VWC) *Summer Shorts Competition* and are included in the *2013 VWC Anthology* and *2014 VWC Anthology*.
- *Nutter House* is featured in *Voices From Smith Mountain Lake* (October 2013).
- *Uterus Declares War* is featured in *Feisty After 45* (February 2016).
- *Mission Lake House* and *Fish and Relatives* are featured in *Reflections on Smith Mountain Lake* (March 2016).
- Dalferes is also a featured author for the humorous farce *Nekkid Came the Swimmer* (April 2015).

Dalferes is a contributing writer for *Smith Mountain Laker Magazine* which publishes her humor column, *Dock Tale Hour* (since 2014). Her freelance work has been featured in *The Roanoke Times* and *Southern Writers Magazine*. Her musings have been showcased online on *Midlife Boulevard*, *Better After 50*, *BonBon Break*, and *Erma Bombeck Writers' Workshop*.

Where Can I Find Her? Dalferes is often found hanging out on her blog *The Middle-Aged Cheap Seats*: where midlifers come to sit, laugh, and "occasionally" drink tequila. She has served on the Board of Governors of the Virginia Writers Club (VWC) since 2013. She was thrilled to be selected as the winner of the *2014 Golden Nib Award* for nonfiction, VWC's highest honor. You can also visit her on her website <http://kimdalferes.com/>

Does She Do Anything Else? Dalferes is a native Floridian who pretends to be a Virginian. Her accomplishments have included successfully threading a sewing bobbin, landing a 35 lb Alaskan king salmon, and scoring a ceramic sangria pitcher at an estate sale for \$1. She 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, Dalferes 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, VA with husband Greg, Bonz the cat, and occasionally her son Jimmy, when he's home from college.



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