



2015 Inductee  
to the  
South Carolina  
Academy of Authors

Dorothea Benton Frank is a *New York Times* best-selling author, public speaker, and nonprofit fundraiser. She was born and reared on Sullivan's Island, South Carolina.

In 1983 she married Peter Richard Frank and moved to Montclair, NJ. Their first child, Victoria Hanna Frank, was born in 1985; their son, William Richard Frank, was born in 1988.

Ms. Frank became a volunteer fundraiser, organizing events for various non-profit organizations. Past board service includes The Montclair Art Museum, Whole Theater Company New York, The Drumthwacket Foundation, The NJ State Council on the Arts, and The NJ Cultural Trust. She has also served on the Board of Trustees of the SC Coastal Conservation League and the Parent's Council of the College of Charleston. At present she is a trustee of Bloomfield College (Bloomfield NJ), The Montclair Film Festival (NJ) and The SC Historical Society.

Her first novel, *Sullivan's Island* (Berkley Publishing, 2000), debuted on the *New York Times* list at number nine. The novel has over one million copies in print and can be found in ten foreign languages. Her subsequent novels, *Plantation*, *Isle Of Palms*, *Shem Creek*, *Pawleys Island*, *Full Of Grace*, *Bulls Island*, *The Christmas Pearl*, *The Land Of Mango Sunsets*, *Lowcountry Summer*, *Return To Sullivan's Island*, *Folly Beach*, *Porch Lights*, *The Last Original Wife*, and *The Hurricane Sisters* (Wm. Morrow, 2014) were all *New York Times* bestsellers and may also be found in various foreign languages.

She is the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from The College of Charleston and a Doctorate of Fine Arts from Bloomfield College.

Ms. Frank is an avid cook, enjoys reading and traveling, and is a frequent speaker on the creative process for students of all ages. She divides her time between the Lowcountry of South Carolina and New Jersey.



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