

Seven Years After The Award, Jubilee Is Published
Homeless Author is in the Running for the Author Academy Awards

It was at the annual American Christian Fiction Writers (ACFW) Conference in September of 2011 that Katy Pistole heard the words every author longs to hear. “I want this book! Don’t leave here without an agent,” said Allen Arnold, then VP of Thomas Nelson Publishing Company. To top off the experience, Jubilee won the Contemporary Fiction category of The Genesis Contest ~ one of the largest contests for unpublished authors in the country. Afterwards, while up on stage Pistole saw the agent she wanted to work with. The agent agreed to represent Pistole, but changed her mind weeks later because she had taken on too many new clients at the conference.

Pistole tried numerous other publishers and avenues for publication but was told that, although the writing was beautiful, some of the story elements were too “outside the box” for traditional Christian publishing. “The elements in question are Biblically sound,” says Pistole, when asked why publishers rejected the manuscript. “I think there is fear of stepping on toes, or being misunderstood. I am fearless, especially when Jesus is leading me to something.”

Pistole is an ordained minister and founder of Beautiful Brokenness Ministries, a horse-themed discipleship and counseling ministry that focuses on the rescue, redemption and reconciliation of Mankind by Jesus. Rescued horses provide a tangible metaphor for the process Jesus often works for His children.

“People want to know how on earth they are supposed to live this Abundant Life,” says Pistole. “I help them see how to live the Abundant Life—on earth. Abundance is not about money—it’s about Who I live from. Jesus is my source of Life, and He is sufficient for each and every moment I will encounter.”

Living the Abundant Life in the midst of incredible pain is the subject of *Jubilee ~ The Love Story*. Reviewers have found the book to be “life-changing” and “powerful”. Best-selling author and speaker, Ralph Harris says this “From the first pages of *Jubilee ~ The Love Story*, I was fascinated. Katy Pistole writes as a terrific artist, beautifully conveying a story that captivates and motivates the reader to wonder and care deeply, leading to a surprising and thoroughly triumphant conclusion. It’s outstanding. I pumped my fist and shouted, “Yes!” I think you will, too.” RALPH HARRIS, best-selling author of *Life According to Perfect* and *God’s Astounding Opinion of You*, and founder of Ralph Harris Ministries.

Pistole graduated from George Mason University in 1986 with a BA in English. She went on to James Madison University to earn a teaching certification. In 1992, Pistole began using horses to minister to young people in pain. The healing she saw inspired her to write. Pistole’s first books were the popular Sonrise Farm Series written in the early 2000’s. The books enjoyed a long run with Pacific Press Publishing, selling more than 40,000 copies. In 2003 Pistole completed the Advanced Counselor training program with Grace Ministries and started counseling women in crisis through her church.

Jubilee ~ The Love Story was released in September of 2018, seven years after winning The Genesis Contest and is now in the running for the Author Academy Awards. Winners will be announced in October in Columbus Ohio. The Author Academy Awards are bestowed for literary merit and publishing excellence in the writing and publishing industry.

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