



# Tears and Trombones

By Nanci Lee Woody

A depression-era boy dreams of becoming a classical musician against the wishes of his hard drinking, blue collar father. His long-suffering mother wants him to escape the kind of life she's had and supports his musical dream. He convinces himself that music is the most important thing in his life and marries the woman who has set her sights on him and is willing to support his musical obsession. Joey winds up in the symphony and performing in Hollywood, backing up the likes of Johnny Cash at Folsom Prison, The Beach Boys and Frank Sinatra. But he lets the love of his life, the high school beauty that he adored from the first encounter, slip away. *Tears and Trombones* is a roller coaster of highs and lows with humorous twists and poignant turns as we watch Joey pursue his dream.



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This highly readable, triumphant tale deserves a place on any music lover's or book lover's shelf.

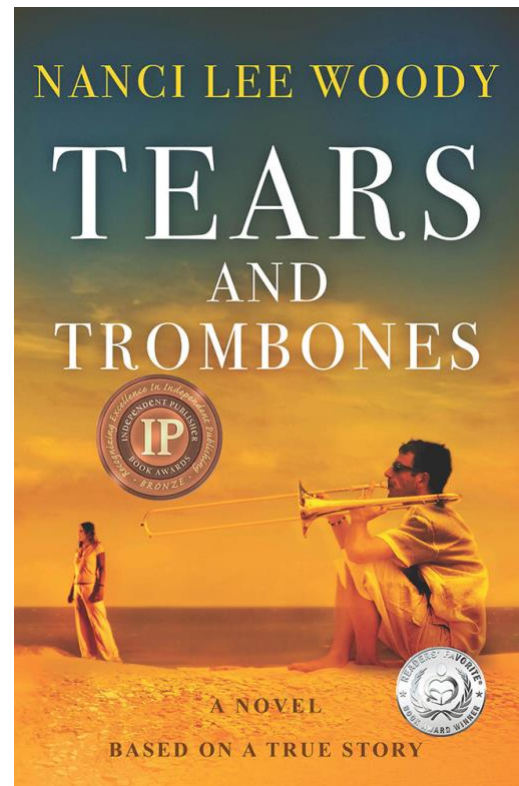
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Insightful and beautifully imagined, *Tears and Trombones* is the enchanting debut from author Nanci Woody that magically weaves eloquent prose with melodic musings.

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## About the Author

Nanci Lee Woody is a teacher and published writer of business books, poetry, song lyrics, short stories and novels. She also creates art in pastels, oils, pen and ink and loves opera and symphonic music. *Tears and Trombones* is based on a true story.

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