

ELOISE BARTON BIO:

Eloise's first published writing was a poem, written when she was ten years old. She wasn't published again until she was a grandmother, but she kept on writing. She has now seen over 100 of her stories and articles published. Her first book, FINDING MARIAH, a YA Suspense, released by Hard Shell Word Factory in 2000, was an EPIE finalist in 2001. Her newest book is HEART'S HOME, an adult romance.

When Eloise started writing for publication, she joined writers' groups: RWA, TGN, YAN, SCBWI, CWC, SCW, SPA, SSWC, and EPIC. She held office in most of those groups, including twenty-five years on the board of SSWC (Sacramento Suburban Writers Club) and two years as Treasurer for EPIC (Electronically Published Internet Connection.)

Eloise and her late husband, Ken, raised a blended family of eight children. (Source for many of her stories.) During her motherhood years, Eloise was a Bluebird and Campfire Girls Leader, a Girl Scout Leader and Cub Scout Den Mother, a Sunday School teacher and Youth Group Leader.

After Ken's death, Eloise worked full time for the California State Fair, devoting her spare time to being "Grama Boo" to her growing brood of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. (Thirty-one at last count.)

Eloise has now retired and moved to the beautiful mountains of Northern California with her new husband, Don, his big black Lab, Scooter (a retired service dog) and their three fat cats. She has declared a moratorium on holding office and doing volunteer work so she can be what she started out to be: be a full-time writer. In their spare time, she and her husband go square dancing and motorcycle riding.

Eloise loves to hear from her readers. She can be reached through her website, www.eloise-barton.com