

Have A Story?

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process so there were fresh new things to add."

Even after she began working with the publisher, her "insecurities and worry that I would say

something that would upset somebody" nearly caused her again to turn back from the writing process.

However "I'm really glad I hung in there with it," she said. In September, Anthony contacted the publisher, the same woman who had published her short story.

"I sent her the manuscript and she said, 'sure, let's go for it,'" said Anthony. The publisher, based in California, also coached her in writing and revision.

"She was also a mentor," said

Anthony. "She coached me when I was emotionally upset."

Via e-mail, the manuscript was shuttled back and forth several times between publisher and writer, then to a horse editor in Canada, who also made changes. "Even in some of those last revisions, new things came to me," she said.

The book went to the publisher in October 2002 and was at the printer by April 1, 2003.

Now printed, the book must be marketed. "Little by little, we're getting things going," said Anthony.

Besides sending press releases to Christian and horse magazines, she has contacted bookstores individually and plans to send review copies of the book to press review offices of large booksellers. She has also made fliers to distribute to stores.

Nevertheless, "I never wrote to make any money, I only wrote this book because I had a story to share because of all the lessons God taught me through the horse," said Anthony, who also hopes to help to comfort people who are struggling.

Although she has "always enjoyed writing," she has never taken specific courses or formal education for it.

"I didn't even know how to go about getting a book done," she said.

"I would encourage people that if they have something to write to write it, because you learn something about yourself and who you really are in the process."

Reorganizing and restructuring "made the book totally different," she said, as she had learned how to re-

organize the book from the editor.

Up-front costs include the price of using the publisher's and editor's services, in addition to purchasing the book's ISBN number and the printing itself.

"It's not really an easy way to go," she said. Writers can, she said, simply write and then find a printer for the book, however she wanted guidance to write a professional-caliber book.

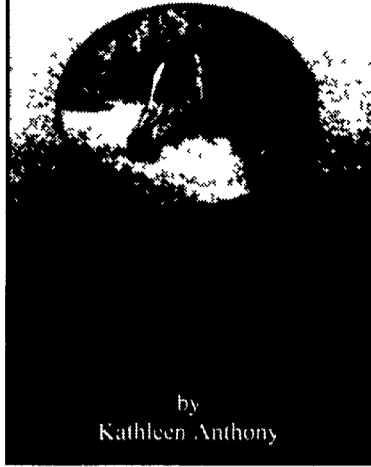
"Since I had no experience I wanted someone to coach me through the process," she said.

"I'm not worried about how many books it sells or doesn't sell. The people that need to read

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Kathleen Anthony

*My Journey to Healing and Faith
Through the Gift of a Horse*



This is a cover of Anthony's book.

it will read it," she said.

To purchase the book, checks for \$22.45 can be made payable to Kathleen Anthony and sent to 1511 Grandview Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552. Pennsylvania residents add six percent sales tax.

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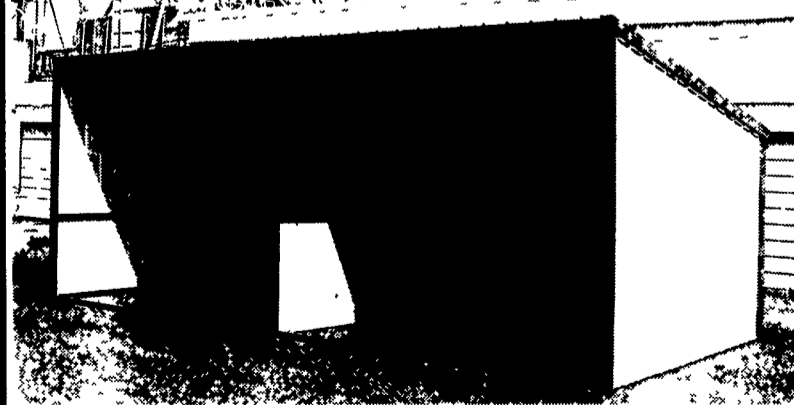
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