

Conventional wisdom says that childhood often reveals one's life passion. **Linda Tancs** discovered that for herself when she opened a treasure chest full of childhood keepsakes. Among the artifacts was a book created in the second grade. The so-called book was fashioned out of a single sheet of construction paper, bearing the simple title *Books of My Own*, complete with a homemade Dewey decimal call number. The desire to create was apparently very strong, for what followed during those tender years was a script based on the book *He's Your Dog, Charlie Brown* for a backyard production directed by the author. And then came the design of a flag and the writing of a national anthem for a fictional country as part of a sixth grade social studies project. But childhood interests have a tendency to bow to the rigors of adult life and ambition. Linda's path was no different. In the end, though, the sirens of creativity lured her back. And that's just fine with her. After all, a famous quote reminded Linda to go out on a limb because that's where you'll find the fruit.

She writes both fiction and nonfiction in both short and long formats for adults and children. With a special love for children's fiction with an international flair, she published *The Best Words Ever*, a story following a young boy who stutters as he readies himself for a big performance on Children's Day in Norway. That book is also available in audio format, narrated by an award-winning broadcaster. Her animated short screen adaptation of the book entered the quarterfinals of a ScreenCraft writing competition. Linda also indulges her passion for other cultures by writing a travel blog, Travelrific® Travel Journal, which is syndicated through Newstex.

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