

Marie Blessing grew up in Texas and New Mexico immersed in Latino and Southwest culture, which heavily influenced her lifestyle, art and writing. Her childhood experiences serve as the foundation of many storylines, encouraging others to discover their greatest rewards through facing their fears. As a young teenager, she discovered a unique freedom in Mexican and Southwest culture and began learning street Spanish as a teenager living and working in barrios. Her interest in writing for children started when she taught elementary Spanish in Santa Fe, NM before later finishing a Bachelors Degree in Spanish at the University of New Mexico with a focus on New Mexican Culture and Literature, and Journalistic and Economic Translation. Her books can be found in bookstores and shops throughout Northern New Mexico and Baja California Sur, Mexico where she currently splits most of her time. Dabbling in acting and music the past few years has kept her busy creating other new projects to come soon!

Marie also has designed clothing, jewelry and miscellaneous gift items since she can remember. Her latest work can be purchased online seasonally, and also at many different shops throughout Santa Fe, New Mexico, including her former apparel line Marie Louise 505. Her newest project is her organic skincare line that will be available for purchase next year. Inspired by her own struggle with previous skin cancer removal and her late father's courageous battle with the disease, she developed Tepezcohuite products to primarily combat keratosis.

*Everything I create through my words, illustrations, music, gifts and apparel, stems from my love for change and renewal, bilingual learning and cultural preservation, immigration advocacy, mental health, healing, confidence, and above all FAITH.*

*~ Marie Blessing*