

Deborah Lytton

Deborah Lytton is a writer and actress who grew up in front of the camera, beginning her career at age six when she was discovered by a Hollywood agent. Her acting credits include portraying Melissa Anderson on the daytime soap opera **Days of our Lives** and series' regular roles on the ABC drama, **The New Land** and the CBS show, **Sara**. Deborah was a supporting actress in the Disney feature **Hot Lead and Cold Feet** as well as made for television movies **Haywire** and **The Man in the Santa Claus Suit**. In addition, Deborah has guest starred in numerous television series' including **Mod Squad**, **Family**, **The Waltons**, **The Incredible Hulk**, **Stone**, **Next Step Beyond** and **Streets of San Francisco**.

Deborah signed her first record deal with Curb Records at the age of twelve. She went on to sing songs on the soundtracks for numerous films including **In Search of Santa, Rudolph the Movie** and the award-winning family oriented line of videos **Kidsongs**. Deborah also performed background vocals for artists such as Belinda Carlisle, Lou Rawls, Johnny Tillotson and Frank Sinatra.

In 1994, Light Records, in conjunction with Curb Records, released Deborah's self-titled album of contemporary Christian songs.

Deborah is educated as an attorney, having graduated cum laude from both U.C.L.A., where she received a B.A. and from Pepperdine University School of Law, where she received a J.D. Deborah then went on to pass the Bar Exam in two states, California and Tennessee.

As a student of Second City and Groundlings, Deborah honed her comedy writing and improv skills, performing her own sketches and monologues. Deborah's screenplay, "**Bubble Girl**," inspired by some of the works she created at Groundlings, was a semi-finalist for the 1999 Chesterfield Writing Fellowship.

She has been hired to write freelance articles and has been published in *Fit Pregnancy* (Oct. 2001) and *Pregnancy* (Oct. 2004 and Jan. 2005) magazines as well as *Mothering* online (Summer 2006). Deborah also had a regular parenting column running in the *Conejo Valley Connection* (2006-2007).

Deborah's debut novel JANE IN BLOOM (Dutton Children's Books) was honored by the Missouri Association of School Librarians with Third Place in the Truman Awards (2011-2012) and was chosen by Chicago Public Library as one of the Best of the Best Books of 2009. JANE IN BLOOM was also selected by the Kansas National Education Association for the 2010 Kansas State Reading Circle Catalog, was nominated for the Kentucky Bluegrass Award (2011) and the Pennsylvania Keystone to Reading Book Award (2011). Her YA novel, SILENCE (Shadow Mountain), is about finding hope in the midst of tragedy. The novel is told through alternating points of view. Forward Reviews listed SILENCE in Girl Power - 15 Inspirational YA Female Protagonists. SILENCE was also a nominee for the Florida Teens Read Program.

Debby's newest release is a middle grade series called RUBY STARR (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky) about a fifth grader who loves, completely and absolutely loves books!

Deborah resides in Los Angeles, California with her two daughters and their Papillon, Faith. She is active in the writing and blogging community and is a member of SCBWI.

Deborah is available for speaking engagements and school visits.

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