

Sue Dent

Black Bed Sheet Books Author

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Journey to publication

STORY TITLE

Sue's Path to Publication

In 2005, with both her son and daughter enrolled in school, Sue Dent set out to become a published author. "I just wanted

others to enjoy my stories as much as I did. I also wanted to work on something new and

not one of the stories I'd been playing with over a period of quite a few years."

Ms. Dent, once a Computer Technical Specialist IV for the Mississippi Department of Natural Resources, a position created specifically for her, embarked on a new career path. She wanted to become a published author.

After about six months of work on her new story Sue set out to find a professional editor; to help

her tweak, fine tune and of course, edit.

In January of 2006 she had an edited MS with a guaranteed 2%

error rate in her hands. "That was as good as holding it in book form to me. Then I found a printer and

had it printed."

Roughly two months later after heavy querying, Ms. Dent had a bite from a publisher who took her on. They were a new and small house though and Ms. Dent turned out to be her own best publicist. She was even responsible for getting her debut novel short-listed in 2007 for Superior Achievement in a First Novel at the Horror Writer's Association's Bram Stoker Awards.

"If you don't like my stories it won't be because they were poorly edited. I've been blessed with some wonderful professionals in this field."



Sue currently resides in Mississippi where she was born. She has also lived in Tennessee, Louisiana and Iowa.

When asked if she'd do it all over again Dent emphatically says, "no way! Being published isn't a business. It's a racket. What a shame too."