

Writing Out Loud:
*What a Blind Teacher Learned from Leading
a Memoir Class for Seniors*

Beth Finke

Author bio – short (25 words)

Beth Finke is an award-winning author, teacher, and journalist. She also happens to be blind. Beth leads memoir-writing classes for older adults in Chicago, Illinois.

Author bio – medium (149 words)

Beth Finke is an award-winning author, teacher, and journalist. She also happens to be blind.

Beth's Seeing Eye dog, Whitney, leads her through airports and hotels to events all over North America to speak on memoir writing, disability, workplace accessibility, and overcoming adversity.

She is the recipient of a writing fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts and the ASPCA's Henry Bergh award for children's literature. The Lisagor Award Beth won for a radio piece about the Chicago White Sox makes her the only blind woman in America to be honored for sports broadcasting, and she appeared on the Oprah Show in a short segment about working as a nude model for university art students before her writing career took off.

Beth is married to Mike Knezovich. They have one grown son, Gus, and live in the Printers Row neighborhood of Chicago with Beth's Seeing Eye dog, Whitney.

Author bio – long (194 words)

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In summer, Beth can be found leading writing workshops at the Northwestern University Summer Writers' Conference and at Chicago's Printers Row Lit Fest.

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