

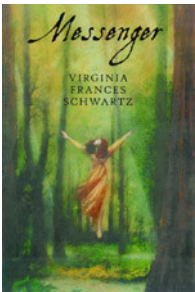


Virginia Frances Schwartz

Virginia Frances Schwartz grew up on a farm in the heart of the fruit belt on Southern Ontario. After graduating with a Bachelors Degree in English from Waterloo Lutheran University, she emigrated to New York City to study Nursing at Pace University and to teach elementary school. Ms. Schwartz studied The Writing Process method of teaching writing to children at Columbia University and became a Staff Developer in a School of Writing and Publishing.

Ms. Schwartz is interested in transformation—the way a person changes and grows in life—and wishes to inspire children to reach for their potential.

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