



TRUDY KRISHER

Trudy Krisher has a reputation as a talented writer who does not hesitate to explore sensitive issues. She grew up in the South like her heroines Maggie, in *Spite Fences*, and Pert, in *Kinship*. Born in Macon, Georgia, in 1946, she was raised in south Florida.

Trudy's influence of her parents, as she tells readers in *Something About the Author*, is recognized in her writing. "My father, through his love of history, taught me to value the telling detail, and my mother, through her thoughtfulness, taught me the gift of compassion. My own love of literature has taught me the value of true and honest work."

"It doesn't take much to get me inspired! Usually, I want to write about people who are living out the questions on my mind." In *Fallout*, her most recently published novel with Holiday House, her characters wrestle with the question, "Who is my

neighbor?" In *Uncommon Faith*, she tried to answer the question, "How do stereotypes about women limit their possibilities?" In *Spite Fences*, she developed the characters to answer the question, "Why do people try to wall each other out with fences?" In *Kinship*, she explored the question, "What is a 'family'?"

"In my novels I enjoy exploring a variety of artistic approaches that manifest themselves in unique creative forms. For instance, Uncommon Faith, which takes place in 1837, is told from the point of view of ten different characters. My hope was that this unusual and sometimes challenging approach would enable readers to experience the ways in which different people interpret the same event.

"However, most important to me is always the audience for whom I write. I am grateful for the many children, teachers, librarians, and parents who have responded so warmly to my work. Speaking to audiences of young adults—offering whatever insights I can about the world they will soon be entering—is among my most enjoyable experiences."

Trudy Krisher is the recipient of an International Reading Association Award. Her books have been named ALA Best Books for Young Adults; a Jefferson Cup Honor Book of the Virginia Library Association; a Parents' Choice Honor Book; a winner of The Tennessee Volunteer State Book Award; and Amelia Bloomer Project Recommended Books.

Trudy graduated from The College of William and Mary with a BA in English and received her masters degree from Trenton State College. She is currently an associate professor at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio, where she lives with her three children: Laura, Kathy, and Mark. Trudy enjoys gardening, reading, nature, hiking, travel, dogs, and her children.

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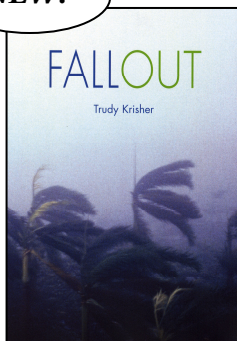
By TRUDY KRISHER

from Holiday House

“Talons of wind clawed at the corners of the house as we huddled together inside the hall closet. My father struggled to tune in the shortwave radio. Against the screaming rain, my mother covered her ears, and I listened. . . .”

—from *Fallout*

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FALLOUT

Ages 12 up • ISBN-13: 978-0-8234-2035-3

It's the hurricane season of 1954 and tropical storms are raging. For Genevieve, other storms are also brewing. In the conservative beach town of Easton, North Carolina, the Wompers, a new family, are making waves with their outspoken opinions, including petitioning the school to teach about the dangers of atomic testing. Genevieve now needs to figure out where she stands and then decide how far she is willing to go to support her own beliefs.

Set against the background of the cold war, Senator McCarthy's anti-communist crusade, and one of the most active hurricane seasons on record before 2005, this historical novel portrays a community battling nature and social change through the eyes of an unusually observant young woman.

“The story is an important one, and the lesson Genevieve learns . . . will linger in readers' minds. A rich novel full of topics for discussion.” —*Kirkus Reviews*



UNCOMMON FAITH

Ages 12 up • ISBN-13: 978-0-8234-1791-9

Change is coming to the mid-nineteenth-century town of Millbrook, Massachusetts, whether folks are ready for it or not. Old traditions and values are being questioned, especially by an outspoken young woman named Faith Common. Faith defies expectations and is determined to find her own truth about her abilities as well as the abilities of any human being, man or woman, black or white. With her uncommon faith in each person, she is a powerful catalyst for change.

In this stirring historical novel, many citizens of Millbrook make their voices heard. Each tells of personal triumphs and tragedies, and of the controversies surrounding the rights of individuals. And their stories shape their New England town.

★“The conflicts between young and old will resonate with readers, and able teens with an interest in women's history will be particularly drawn to this uncommon tale, a crackerjack piece of historical fiction.”—*School Library Journal* (starred review)

“Award-winning author Krisher continues her record of tackling social issues with realistic aplomb. . . . This book will undoubtedly become a feature on school reading lists.”—*Voice of Youth Advocates*

“[A] mesmerizing read.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

An ALA Best Book for Young Adults

A Children's Book of the Year, Child Study Children's Book Committee at Bank Street College

Amelia Bloomer Project List of Recommended Feminist Books for Youth