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Iris

Author

Award-winning  
Artist

Inspirational  
Speaker





## About the Author Iris Carignan

*With a zest for life, a gentle dose of Southern Hospitality, and the unique ability to see God's hand at work in the ordinary activities of her day, Iris Carignan's creative pursuits portray God's loving-kindness, sense of humor, and deep joy for living to the fullest.*

Born in Americus, Georgia, but raised in California, Iris Carignan is a published author, award-winning artist, inspirational speaker, and poet.

At the young age of nine, Iris accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior, wrote her first book, and took her first art lesson. These three areas of *Faith, Authorship, and Artistry* would prove to be the foundation of her life and work.

*A flourishing storyteller*, in 2016, Iris published "Fresh Eyes: Seeing God in the Unexpected." This collection of stories and poetry encourages readers to a new awareness of God working in unexpected ways.

In 2019, Iris wrote and illustrated a children's book, "Moriah's Wings." Iris' *one-of-a-kind paintings* illustrate this beautiful children's

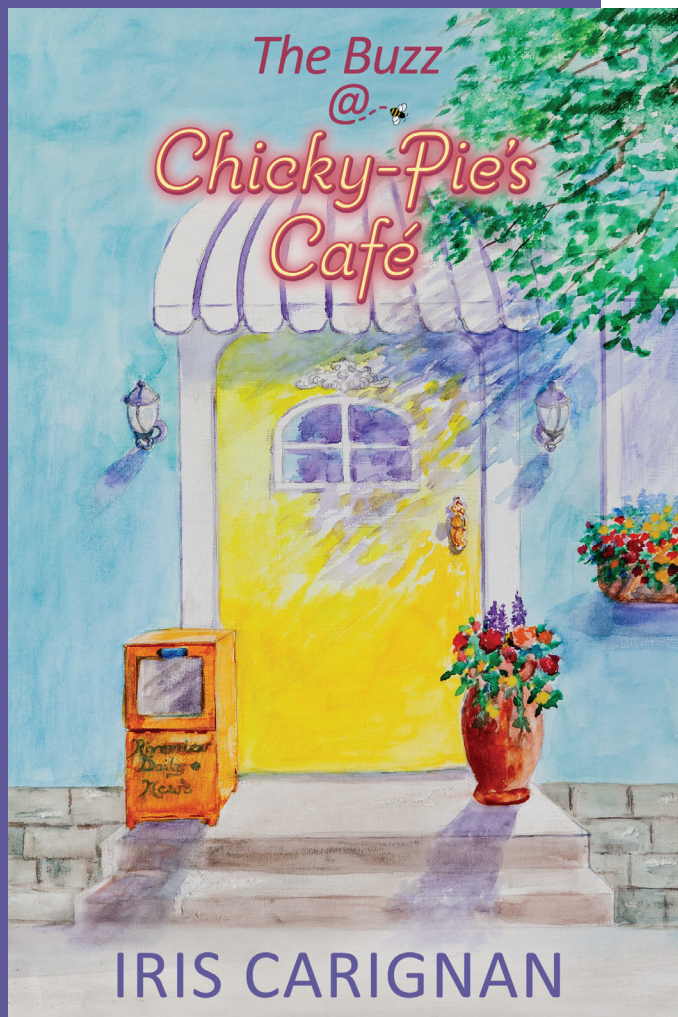
story, creatively connecting her gift for art and the written word.

Iris released her debut fiction novel, "The Buzz @ Chicky-Pie's Café" November 2023. This gripping tale is a story of redemption and resilience in the face of human trafficking and domestic abuse. Through compassionate winsome characters, Iris reveals the unparalleled hope and healing found in God.

With a reputation as a *painter of peace*, Iris' award-winning art has been recognized both locally and internationally with her oil and pastel paintings displayed in corporate and private collections throughout the world.

As an *inspirational speaker*, Iris loves to share a good joke, infusing moments of surprise into her presentation. Her unique ability to see God's purpose and beauty in the most challenging seasons is refreshing.

Iris and her husband, Larry, reside in Southern California where she teaches art classes, paints, and writes in her art studio, Still Waters Studio.



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Carignan's powerful grasp of words connects us with Elise's suffering at the hands of evil people and deepens one's compassion for all who endure similar pain. Amidst the tale's shadows of despair and brokenness, Carignan beautifully weaves a testament to the unparalleled hope and healing found in our God. A must-read for those seeking a story of redemption and resilience.

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– Shawn Thornton, *Senior Pastor, Calvary Community Church, Westlake Village, CA*

**The Buzz @ Chicky-Pie's Café**

**Page Count:** 392 pages

**Genre:** Fiction/Women

**Publisher:** Iris Carignan & JSM Book Co.

**Publication Date:** November 14, 2023

**Paperback ISBN:** 979-8-9893227-0-1 **Price:** \$16.95

**E-Book ISBN:** 979-8-9893227-1-8 **Price:** \$13.99

**Available Formats:** Paperback, E-Book

**Where to Buy:** IngramSpark, Amazon

Trembling in fear, heart racing, eighteen-year-old Elise bolts up in bed. The nightmare was clear: it was time to escape the abusive home she'd been confined to since she was six. Fleeing Arizona with a promise to return for Bea, the little girl she nannies, Elise lands on the doorstep of Chicky-Pie's Café.

The café serves up more than down-home Southern cooking. Mell, the black proprietor, has a heart for helping the hurting and homeless. Determined to save Bea from a similar fate to her own, Elise risks everything she's gained and re-enters the dangerous world she left behind.

Along the way, Elise discovers that true freedom and strength come as God fills the holes in our hearts and heals unspoken trauma with His love.



# Fresh Eyes

SEEING GOD IN THE UNEXPECTED



Iris Carignan

Foreword by Joni Eareckson Tada

**Fresh Eyes: Seeing God in the Unexpected**

**Page Count:** 216 pages

**Genre:** Christian Inspiration, Inspirational & Religious

**Publisher:** Westbow Press

**Publication Date:** October 31, 2016

**ISBN-10:** 1512758914    **ISBN-13:** 978-1512-758917

**Paperback Price:** \$17.95

**Available Formats:** Paperback, Hardcover, Kindle, e-book

**Where to Buy:** Westbow Press, Amazon

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God is always present, but do we consistently see Him?

As an artist, writer, and a believer, I believe we all have an abundant capacity for seeing our great and Almighty Creator when we learn to truly look for Him.

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– Iris Carignan, *Fresh Eyes: Seeing God in the Unexpected*

***In Fresh Eyes: Seeing God in the Unexpected***, author Iris Carignan shares brief personal accounts showcasing God at work in the lives of His people. With the refreshing perspective of her life-long faith, and her artistically trained eye, these anecdotal stories and poetry, reflect God’s presence in the unexpected—sometimes challenging—seasons of life.

**With Psalm 119:18** as her prayer, “Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things...”, Iris invites God into her every-day experiences and invites you to do the same!

Whether facing the onslaught of a crippling disease, stepping into unknown territory, facing down your greatest fears, or experiencing the healing laughter of family and friends after a long hard day, you’ll be moved by these authentic expressions of faith amid real-life dilemmas and choices.



**Moriah's Wings**

**Page Count:** 36 pages

**Genre:** Children's Christian Historical Fiction

**Publisher:** Celebrate Lit Publishing

**Publication Date:** March 16, 2019

**ISBN-10:** 0999537067 **ISBN-13:** 978-0999537060

**Paperback Price:** \$9.99

**Available Formats:** Paperback, Kindle

**Where to Buy:** Amazon

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As the days and months melted into one another, Moriah learned that she could still have a measure of joy within by approaching each day and each task with a prayer and a smile, no matter how she felt inside.

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– Iris Carignan, *Moriah's Wings*

Desparity's life felt a lot like her name, bitter despair. Snatched from her mother and everything she loved, sold into slavery in a foreign land, Desparity thought her life was over. When Naaman's wife, purchases her from the slavers, she grants her a new name, Moriah Asha—meaning Chosen of God and Hope.

Like her new name, Moriah's life undergoes unexpected changes under her new mistress's care. When Moriah discovers a hidden treasure in her doll's pocket, she clings to the newfound hope it represents. Bullied for her faith, Moriah remains steadfast.

With God to guide her, and complete trust in His goodness, Moriah may be able to be more than a living testimony to God ... she may be able to save Naaman's life!

Through gorgeous illustrations and her storyteller's charm, Iris Carignan brings this young servant girl to life in her children's book *Moriah's Wings*.

While anyone who hears the biblical story will remember Naaman, the military captain plagued with leprosy, many gloss over the young servant girl who led Naaman to healing. This retelling of II Kings, chapter 5, is a beautiful reminder that God can use anyone, no matter their age or status, to work miracles in His people's lives.



# Iris Carignan

Author, Award-winning Artist, and Inspirational Speaker

Through a uniquely creative lens, Iris inspires women to trust in God and see the beauty He brings as He works out His purpose in our lives.

More than ever before, the women you serve are seeking calm and peace to carry them through all seasons of life. Whether they're chasing toddlers, navigating school-at-home, balancing family life and career, or are adjusting to life as an empty-nester, the Lord has promised to refresh their soul.

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### What people are saying

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A gifted and skilled communicator, whether with paints or with words, my friend Iris delights in looking for a fresh perspective – not only on a canvas or computer, but on life.”

– Joni Eareckson Tada

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One of the best, if not the best speaker we've ever had.”

– Cindy Anderson, Calvary Community Church, Westlake Village, CA