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'Inspired Blessings'

Led by God to Inspire the World with Love, Faith and Hope'



Nesconset resident Jean Marie Prince has self-published a book called "Inspired Blessings" Led by God to Inspire the World with Love, Faith and Hope. She says she was inspired by God to write the book and she was blessed with the talent to do it.

The book is a collection of poetry that Prince wrote with ease. It is a collection of deep topics to light topics, she said. It's about the trials of life. "One day I was lying in bed with my kids and I started singing," Prince said. "I wrote down what was I was singing and I had five short prayer songs. That was the birth of Inspirational Blessings. They would come out as song lyrics." Blessings didn't start as a book. Prince took her poetry, ordered artwork and frames and sold the pieces in card stores. In a year and a half more than sixty stores were selling her work, she said.

"I was thinking about doing a book but the events of 9/11 put things on hold," she said. In 2007 two publishing companies approached her. She had enough to make a book but she let it drop and did not pursue getting it published. In 2010 she thought about looking into it. "Then one day I was walking in the Meat Farms parking lot," she said. "All of the sudden I heard in my mind, 'Do the book.' I took a leap of faith and a year later it was done."

Prince held her first book signing at Sertino's Café in Smithtown in December. She just received her books that day and she sold 85 that night. Prince will be doing a fundraiser at her next book signing which is set for April 28 at Sertino's Cafe, for Smithtown Christian School where a portion of the proceeds of the books sold will go to the school. She is also doing a fundraiser for Contractors for Kids an organization that helps families of sick children that can't pay for things like funeral expenses and their mortgage. The Three Village School District is holding a 5K run near the Murphy school on April 21. Prince will have a table there. She will be selling 8 by 10 unframed prints as well as her book. A portion of the proceeds will

go to Contractors for Kids.

Prince said she started her poetry in 1998. She had never written anything before. As a matter of fact grammar was not her best subject and she had a hard time with reading comprehension, she said. Prince believes she was blessed since the age of two days old. It was at that age she was left in a bathroom in Seoul, Korea. "I

really believe I was left there to die," she said. "It was by a miracle that someone found me and brought me to the Holt Orphanage, which was a Christian orphanage, where I lived till I was five years old. I was adopted by an American family, an Irish mother and an Italian father. I had four instant brothers. I grew up in East Islip."

Prince is now married and has two children, Chelsea, 20 and Dylan, 17.

Prince said her inspirations have helped people mend relationships. "It mended a relationship between a mother and a daughter," she said. "I used to do craft shows. The mother, Lindy, would come to the table and buy things. One day she asked if I had anything for an engagement. She explained this was something more than usual."

Lindy explained that she and her daughter hadn't been talking for eight years, Prince said. "She said, 'Do you remember a year ago I bought a bunch of cards from you. I gave them to my daughter. She called and we mended our relationship. Now I am able to share in my daughter getting married.'" Prince also recalled the story of two best friends that had not been talking for five years. One would call and the other would hang up on her. One sent inspirations to the other. A month later she heard from her and they are back to being best friends. The purpose of this book is to help people and let them know God loves them," Prince said.

For more information or to purchase an autographed book go to Inspired Blessings.com. The book is also being sold on Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com

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