



Think Like a Business

**Presenter
Danielle Smith**

Award-Winning Author and Filmmaker | Instructor at Ohio Media School | Founder of Movement, "Don't Be Quiet" | Speaker | Advocate | Writing Coach

Danielle D. Smith has striven for years to give her all in every event of her life while enduring the hurt and pain of abuse—physical and mental—as well as rejection from her parents and family. All of this, at first, gave her a reason for a pity party, and later it became her strength, her reason "why". She used God's help to prove the doubters wrong and is now excelling as a mother of a beautiful daughter, a community leader, and a writing and publishing consultant to many who have stories and messages to share. Danielle is now taking on the task of using her role as an author beyond her book, *Yesterday's Tomorrow*, which was released in December 2016 under the pen name Danielle Seck.

Yesterday's Tomorrow is a first-hand account of Danielle's own suffering of abuse as a child. After finding the courage to speak out about the pain she endured, Danielle is now using her experience to inspire others to do the same. In November 2016, she was sworn in as a Guardian Ad Litem with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). CASA was a safe haven for her as a child when she was removed from her home because of abuse and neglect. She is "for the child" and is excited to volunteer her time and be a voice for a child.

The "Don't Be Quiet" movement's mission is to help victims of child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, sexual assault, and suicide. In July 2019, Danielle turned her book into a short film that gives a visual account of her book and walks you through the challenge of going from victim to victor! As a result of the award-winning film, Danielle has been sought after by conferences and organizations across the map to teach authors how to do the same with their literary projects. In addition, Danielle is a passionate speaker that brings people together through shared experiences, taking away the struggle of beginning the healing process alone.

In the summer of 2019, Danielle began a Writer's Club in Ohio, and by the winter of 2019, she began offering classes online, teaching the art of storytelling. She has shared her expertise of writing, publishing, and turning a book into a film in cities across the country. Danielle's efforts have not gone un-recognized, as a below is a list of awards and acknowledgements that has been presented to this amazing literary artist and creator:

- ❖ 2020 Graduate Path To Publishing MBA in Publishing 60-hour Program
- ❖ 2020-2021 Path To Publishing Literary Consulting Verification Program
- ❖ 2020-2021 Path To Publishing Certified Literary Instructor/Educator Program
- ❖ 2020 Weekly guest literary expert on Xtreme Live Talk Show
- ❖ 2020 Participant in Documentary, No Longer Silent, The Conversation, with Puissance Maison Productions
- ❖ 2020 Nominated, Author of the Year, Best Group Performance, & Best Drama Performance - Kingdom Image Awards
- ❖ 2020 Mistress of Ceremony at the "100 Healed the Experience" Virtual Conference
- ❖ 2020 Official Selection at the Columbus International Film & Animation Festival
- ❖ 2020 Workshop Presenter at "Gamechanger" Conference in Atlanta
- ❖ 2019 Official Selection at the Tylerman Film Festival
- ❖ 2019 Won Catalyst for Change Award at GloryReelz Christian Film Fest
- ❖ 2019 Official Selection of book at the GloryReelz Christian Film Fest and Writer's Lab
- ❖ 2019 Commencement Speaker at Whitehall Preparatory and Fitness Academy School
- ❖ 2019 Nomination for Community Service at the Social Justice Awards
- ❖ 2019 Keynote Speaker at Miss Black Ohio Pageant
- ❖ 2019 Nominated for Author of the Year for Beyond the Book Media
- ❖ 2019 Nomination for Best Group Performance and Best Drama Performance at the Kingdom Image Awards, for her book to film
- ❖ 2019 Workshop Presenter at "Act Like an Author, Think Like a Business" Conference in Las Vegas
- ❖ 2018 Honored for Community work by Greater Harvest Church
- ❖ 2018 recipient of Author of the Year from Path to Publishing
- ❖ 2018 Mistress of Ceremony at Black Career Women's Network
- ❖ 2018 Actress in stage play, The Man Store
- ❖ 2017 Speaker at Unlock Your Voice City Tour with R&B singer, Michel'e
- ❖ 2017 Keynote Speaker at Miss Muslimah Pageant USA

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Joylynn M. Ross

Joylynn M. Ross, author of *Act Like an Author, Think Like a Business: Ways to Achieve Financial Literary Success*, is an over 23-year literary industry professional. She's written in multiple genres under the names Joylynn M. Jossel, JOY, E. N. Joy, and N. Joy. She's currently the main instructor at the "Act Like an Author, Think Like a Business" Conference held every September in Las Vegas, Nevada. In addition to being a certified literary instructor and verified literary consultant, Joylynn is the instructional content expert for all Path To Publishing course curriculum.

Joylynn has served on almost every corner of the literary industry map as a literary agent (landing her clients book deals with Kensington, Simon & Schuster, Urban Books, to name a few), an editor (both freelance and for publishing houses), and a ghostwriter, (both freelance and for publishing houses). Having been on every corner of the literary map as a developmental editor and former acquisitions editor as well, Joylynn is one of the best literary education experts and publishing coaches in the business.

Writing Christian fiction under the name BLESSEDSelling Author E. N. Joy, Joylynn is most known for her 14-book "New Day Divas" series, which has been coined "Soap Operas in Print". Her children's book, *The Secret Olivia Told Me*, written under the name N. Joy, received the American Library Association Coretta Scott King Honor, book club rights were acquired by Scholastic Books, and the book has sold over 100,000 copies to date.

Joylynn is a National Bestselling Author whose title, *If I Ruled the World*, earned a book blurb from Grammy Award-Winning Artist, Erykah Badu. *An All Night Man*, an anthology she penned with New York Times Bestselling Author Brenda Jackson, earned the Borders Bestselling African American Romance Award. Her Urban Fiction title, *Dollar Bill*, appeared in *Newsweek* and has been translated to Japanese.

Today, as a literary consultant, publishing coach, and self-publishing companion, Joylynn chauffeurs authors toward literary and financial literary success, while helping business owners and entrepreneurs use books and publications to grow their business, as well as resources to add to the credibility of CEOs and experts in their perspective areas and fields.

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