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I started writing after being inspired by my writing class teacher, Erna Holyer, who was a member of the National League of American Pen Women. Erna has since passed away, but her enthusiasm and writing style continues to inspire many women. Weekly critique groups have formed that carry on writing in Erna Holyer's tradition.

It is wonderful to be together with talented and intelligent women, going in the same direction, ladies I can relate to, with whom I feel at home.

I have written articles for the American and German newspapers and magazines. I've been nominated for and received many awards. The United States Congress awarded me the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, and I was named Outstanding Immigrant to the United States. For my thirty years' work as Director of Education at German-American Schools, I received Germany's highest citizen honor, the Order of Merit. I was nominated for the Hawaiian Book Award, received the Eudora Welty Memorial Award, was invited to speak on television, and have had many interviews. I was also a freelance researcher for the Hoover Institution of Stanford University.

I have published five books with a sixth in the final stages of editing. My books are:

- Hawaii's Pioneer Botanist, *Dr. William Hillebrand, His Life & Letters*
- *Journey to Freedom*
- *A Night in Odessa*
- *Second Chance in Singapore*
- My fifth book is a sequel to *Second Chance in Singapore*. The title is *The House on the Hillside*.
- My sixth book is *Call to Rome*

My print books and e-books may be purchased on Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com