



Anne Broyles



“Much to my mother’s chagrin, I used to play “Library” with my personal collection of books. So even today, those most precious childhood books that remain on my shelves have bold, red crayon markings in the back covers with ‘Date checked out’ and the signatures of my childhood friends documenting my history as a would-be librarian.”

Even though Anne Broyles’ family traveled extensively when she was a child, Anne admits that she didn’t see much of these destinations because her nose was always stuck in a book. She fondly remembers Saturday mornings at the local library when she returned the previous week’s books and perused the shelves for new ones. As a young reader she loved learning about people who lived in fascinating historical times and in places she only dreamed of visiting. That’s why, as an adult, Anne is always on the lookout for stories of real people whose lives inspire, teach, and challenge us in our own time. Her love of reading formed her as a person who enjoys learning about and engaging with new people, cultures and experiences. Anne’s passion for literature translates into a penchant and talent for writing.



After graduating from the University of Arizona, Anne attended seminary north of Chicago and became a United Methodist minister. For twenty years she pastored churches in California and wrote theologically based books and curricula. She retired from ministry to write full-time. Her first children’s book, *Shy Mama’s Halloween* (Tilbury House, 2000) won the Teacher’s Choice Award from Learning magazine and was named a Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People.

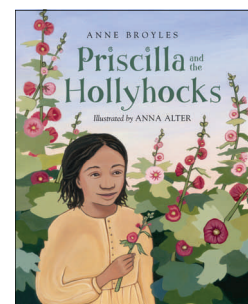
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Books by Anne Broyles

Based on a true story, *Priscilla and the Hollyhocks* follows a young slave girl named Priscilla from her early years on a Southern plantation, to her forced march along the Trail of Tears, to the chance encounter that leads to her freedom.



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