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NEW BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

From a veteran's spouse comes a home front novel of duty, love, and honor.

(HERMITAGE, PA) During times of war, many of us rally around the troops to show our support and respect. We applaud them at parades and thank them for their service. We send care packages to provide a touch of home. In the background stand their loved ones: the girlfriends and spouses left to attend daily concerns of their households along with fear and longing for their soldiers.

The author of *Protect The Heart* (Elucidate Publishing, May 31, 2010) was one of those spouses left behind during Desert Storm in 1991. A new Army wife with a one-year-old, LK Hunsaker took over the reigns of the household, continued working toward her degree, and cared for her daughter amidst the threat of loss and echoes of protest. Her husband returned and completed a twenty year military career with honors. Through the years, Hunsaker carried the elements of a story about those who are left holding the pieces together.

Protect The Heart begins with two young men enlisting for an unspecified war in a far-away land. Focus remains, however, on Maura Laerty. Maura cares for her elderly father alone in a town in which she is still considered a newcomer and outsider. She escapes her oppressive house often to volunteer at a shelter for young mothers and children. Her supposed fiancé has asked for her hand and yet she refuses until he returns. Their rocky relationship is exacerbated by their distance and continues through letters. In the meantime, Maura has her own battles to fight in the form of her father who wishes her to stop working, growing war casualties that convert the women and children's home into a makeshift military hospital, and a young woman who appears on her doorstep asking for assistance. Maura finds that sometimes help can appear just as it's most needed and from quite unexpected places.

About the Author:

LK Hunsaker is the author of a string of novels revolving around the arts and relationships. Several of her shorter pieces have been included in literary ezines and anthologies and have won reader awards. She holds a B.S. in Psychology with emphasis on art and English and assists other writers with their publishing goals. After moving often with the military and traveling extensively in between, she is now settled in western Pennsylvania with her husband and two children.

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