



Sandy Richards

Conceive ... Compose ... Celebrate

Sandy grew up in East Detroit, Michigan and graduated from East Detroit High School. She continued her education at Macomb County Community College earning an associate degree in liberal arts. She was working toward a bachelor's degree in communications when she changed courses and became a ballroom dance instructor. She married and had two beautiful and loving sons who became the center of her life, Tyler and Austin.

Sandy's work experience ranges from an area representative for IBM; an executive assistant for a world-renown laser eye surgeon and the executive director of a non-profit organization in the Walled Lake, Michigan school district. Currently, Sandy is the recreation and enrichment coordinator for Walled Lake Schools Community Education department and the Board Secretary for Legacy Scholarship Funds, Inc. Over the past five years, her writing has taken the lead in how she spends her free time while managing her full-time duties with the school district.

In September 2003, Sandy's oldest son, Tyler, lost his life in a car accident at the age of sixteen. The loss of her child was more devastating than she could have ever imagined. This loss forced her to begin a journey of grieving, growth, healing and discovery. Upon remarrying, Sandy gained four children and seven grandchildren. Writing for children has become her passion and she graduated from the Institute of Children's Literature. Her current works include *Grammy Do* and *Green Snakes on the Ceiling*.