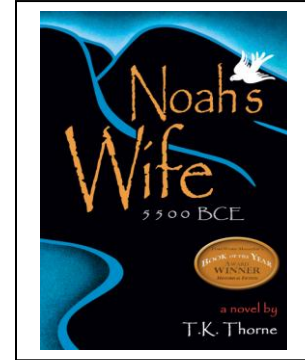


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NOAH'S WIFE

Author T.K. Thorne, recently returned from Turkey, speaks about how she accidentally became a police officer, didn't end up in a space capsule, and tackled an historical fiction novel about an unknown woman in one of the oldest and most famous stories on earth. Her debut prize-winning novel, *Noah's Wife*, gives the Biblical story of Noah-and-the-ark a unique twist, telling the tale from the perspective of a brilliant young girl with a form of autism (now) known as Asperger's Syndrome, and setting the story in a culture that existed during a great flood in the Black Sea region thousands of years ago.

- Scientists (including Robert Ballard the explorer who found the sunken Titanic while on a secret mission for the US government) discovered the truth about the Black Sea, once a fresh water lake, which cataclysmically became a sea around 5500 BCE.
- The oldest known worshiped deity was female. The role of the feminine in the divine was entwined with early Judaism and keeps reappearing throughout history.
- One in every 91 persons has a form of autism. The choice to make Noah's wife an Asperger savant stemmed from personal experience in the author's life and gives the story a unique perspective.

Noah's wife is Na'amah, a beautiful young girl who wishes only to be a shepherdess on her beloved hills in ancient Turkey--a desire shattered by the hatred of her powerful brother, the love of two men, and a looming disaster that threatens humanity's survival.

Noah's Wife won ForeWord Review's Book of the Year for Historical Fiction (2009). Thorne's short stories and screen plays have garnered awards as well, and her monthly column in *Synergy Magazine* is a must-read for Birmingham's city center. A film from her screenplay, *Six Blocks Wide*, has shown at film festivals in Alabama and Europe. Originally from Montgomery, Alabama, she retired from the Birmingham Police Department as a captain and currently serves as executive director of the business improvement district, CAP, in downtown Birmingham.

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--Malcom R. Campbell, author

"...an extraordinary work."

--Dianne Mooney, founder of Southern Living *At HOME*

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--Ron Golson, *The Blount Countian*

