

candi dugas

Candi Dugas has been writing stories since she could put pencil to paper. To this day, tucked away in places few have seen, still, are bits of those creations – along with countless yet-to-be-developed ideas.

Bootlicked to Balanced: Healing the Mind, Freeing the Spirit is Candi's debut published work and her first considerable step as a non-fiction writer. *Bootlicked* comes from her intense desire for every human being to be healed and whole. After discovering the revelatory benefits of counseling and of meditation as a critical spiritual discipline, Candi understands that too many of us suffer needlessly. She knows that our days on earth really can be enjoyed without all of the drama that we often accept as a part of life. So *Bootlicked* asks the question, "At this very moment, are you, your greatest self?" When we heal as individuals, we will create a healthier world – one person at a time.



As a senior in high school, Candi discovered scriptwriting, a genre that would become her writing niche for many years. Throughout college she produced original plays for the Black Student Union's annual observance of BHM, exploring current social issues. After accepting her call to professional ministry, Candi focused on theological theme. Many of her plays and skits have been staged for schools, churches, and non-profits. Candi has also received several awards for her work.

A graduate of the University of Florida (*Gainesville, FL*) with a B.S. in Public Relations, Candi also holds a M. Div. in Homiletics/Worship and Hebrew Bible from Gammon Seminary/ Interdenominational Theological Center (*Atlanta, GA*). Currently she is pursuing a D. Min. from Columbia Theological Seminary (*Decatur, GA*). Her focus is Christian Spirituality, anticipating completion in 2012.

Furthermore, Candi is investing her passion for the plight of God's people in the creation of **candi dugas, llc** (cd llc). **cd llc** – founded in 2007, is designed to contribute excellence, innovation, and integrity to the world community, especially during this time of ethical and economic recovery. Visit <http://candidugas.com> for more information.

One of the few Atlanta natives left, Candi lives in Midtown with her beautifully gifted teen-aged daughter Jordan, and their fat cat Sunny. She enjoys reading, writing, visiting the mountains, horseback riding, weightlifting, music, dancing, driving sports cars and learning new things like playing the piano, writing with her left hand, and riding a scooter. Candi's greatest dream is to open a series of retreat houses, creating physically safe spaces for possibilities, peace, rest, revelation, thought, truth, justice, healing, and wholeness.