

About the Author

Enid Flaherty

Enid McGrath Flaherty has been writing stories for six decades. “I am the oldest of six children, the niece of eleven aunts and uncles and one of twelve first cousins. Writing stories was a way of hearing my own voice in the crowd. I love reading and writing. A friend who helped me move and packed up all my books, said, ‘Enid has never met a book she didn’t like.’

I love to travel. Wherever I go, whether it is to a destination on the planet, or an inward journey, I take copious notes. Like a lot of writers though, I am an expert at avoiding the work of writing. Now, I use my daily planner to schedule my writing time, just like I do with my job and appointments.

I was married for twenty nine years, raising three children. Now they are raising me. An accumulation of college and graduate degrees, a couple of different professions, a large variety of jobs including sorting mail in the post office and psychiatric nurse/therapist on a mobile crisis intervention team, therapy with a Jungian analyst, meditation with a Buddhist sangha, learning how to dance and working out at the gym—all these are about my writing process.

Works in progress include a children’s story about a magical place in Newport, R.I., traveling adventures in Bimini, the Dingle Peninsula, Haiti, and the Navajo Indian Reservation, and strange stories heard from people I have encountered.

I have to get back to work now. The cottage is quiet, the ocean is tumbling the rocks around on the beach, conditions are perfect for writing.