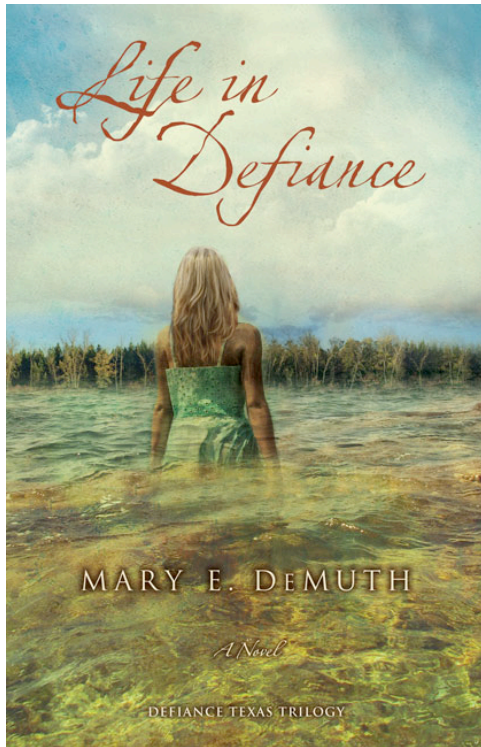




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Life in Defiance **A Novel** **By Mary DeMuth**

Set against the backdrop of Defiance, Texas, *Life in Defiance*, book three in the Defiance Texas Trilogy by Mary DeMuth, reflects a choice we all face: reveal our secrets or bury them forever ... and live with the consequences.

Disturbed by a friend's story about living with an abusive father who held a prominent position in a church but was never suspected of the abuse because of his position, Mary set out to write the *Defiance Texas Trilogy*. According to DeMuth "The *Defiance Texas Trilogy* is my exploration of these types of family secrets. I didn't write to impugn or to harass. I wrote to shed light on a sad reality for some families. So that readers would no longer feel alone. So that redemption could shine on such a dark family canvas."

A storyteller at heart, Mary DeMuth is the author of *Watching the Tree Limbs* and *Wishing on Dandelions*, both finalists for the American Christian Fiction Writers Book of the Year, *Daisy Chain*, the first book in the Defiance, Texas Trilogy, and *A Slow Burn*. Mary's nonfiction books include her memoir, *Thin Places*, *Authentic Parenting in a Postmodern Culture*, *Building the Christian Family You Never Had* and *Ordinary Mom*, *Extraordinary God*. Mary recently moved back to Texas with her husband, Patrick, and their three children after spending two and a half years planting a church in southern France.

Visit her website at <http://www.marydemuth.com>.

Endorsements

"[DeMuth's] books are beautifully and sensitively written, and her characters are realistic and well-developed. She has a true gift for showing how God's light can penetrate even the darkest of situations and start to turn lives around." – Chuck Colson

"Mary DeMuth is a stunningly talented storyteller and wordsmith. *Life in Defiance*—a compelling read on so many levels—is pure DeMuthian artistry." — *Susan Meissner, author of The Shape of Mercy*

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