

## **Meet the Author**

### **Joan Rawlins Biggar-Husby**

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Joan Rawlins Husby grew up in a rural logging community in Washington State's Cascade Mountains. As a child, she loved to read about people in other times and places. When she became a teacher, she dreamed of traveling to faraway lands. She wanted to write stories for young people set in the places she would visit.

With her four brothers and sisters, she hiked in the mountains and explored reminders of the old mining days. Some of those adventures later came to life in her first book, *Treasure at Morning Gulch*.

Joan married Bob Biggar, a young man from Alaska. They moved to Fairbanks, where they raised their two children. She put many of their Alaskan experiences into the book, *Danger at Half-Moon Lake*.

After they returned to Washington, Joan traveled with her husband to several of these construction jobs. Out of one of those trips came the story in *High Desert Secrets*.

*Shipwreck on the Lights* was written after visiting her pen pals who kept the light on Egg Island, off the coast of British Columbia.

After the Adventure Quest books were published, it occurred to Joan that even though she had never visited strange and exotic countries, God had fulfilled her dream of traveling and writing for young people.

Wherever she goes, she asks questions, researches, takes pictures, and observes. "A writer is like a sponge, she says. "You have to soak up everything. You never know what you might need in your story. If it's not in your head, it can't come out."

Six years after Bob Biggar passed away, Joan married Hank Husby. They now live near the shores of Puget Sound, not far from the mountains where Joan grew up.

She loves to hear from people who read her books. You can contact her through her website, [joanrawlinshusby.wordpress.com](http://joanrawlinshusby.wordpress.com), or email her at [joanhusby@gmail.com](mailto:joanhusby@gmail.com).

