

AMY LEE BELL

TUTOR, WRITER, SPEAKER, MUSICIAN

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Andrew Pudewa, founder of the world-renowned Institute for Excellence in Writing, was personally trained in violin pedagogy by Shinichi Suzuki. Pudewa claims that “that was the best of places for me to start my career because music teachers do things very differently than most schoolteachers.” His exceptional teaching philosophy is echoed in the hearts and minds of accredited IEW teachers all over the world.

Even though Amy began as a music instructor, her favorite teaching moments always occurred during her writing classes. Amy began teaching creative writing in 2011 and has been offering it ever since. In the years following, she began offering a few other writing classes as she saw the need arise within her local homeschool community.

Amy is a prolific writer as well as a teacher. Between 2011 and 2014, Amy Lee Bell wrote for *Homeschool Enrichment Magazine*, a bi-monthly publication. In addition to "Dad's Work Is Never Done" (2011, reprinted in 2015) and "Asking Questions, Analyzing Answers" (2011), she wrote "Once Upon a Homeschool" (2011–2014), a regular article featuring a different famous home scholar in each publication. Later, she was asked to co-write the column "News Notes" (2012–2014), which contained homeschool news and commentary. On her personal blog, *Full Circle Homeschooling*, she has written extensively on many subjects, primarily homeschooling and religion.

Amy has always been a hard worker and will do everything in her power to deliver an individualized quality education. If that means diving deep into unfamiliar territory or staying up until midnight to research reading comprehension methods for a single student's needs, that's exactly what she'll do. She considers every learning experience an opportunity and hopes that her students will feel the same way.

Her goal is to fill educational gaps for as many people as possible. She is a good communicator, and this allows her to reach her students at whatever level they find themselves. Amy always strives to continue her education so she can offer her very best to all of her students at all times.

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SKILLS

Accredited Writing Instructor

Communications Specialist

Teaching Methods Expert

Professional Confidence-Builder

Experienced Presenter/Speaker

EDUCATION

Associate of Arts

East Central College

Graduated 2007

Inducted into Phi Theta Kappa

4.0 GPA

Bachelor of Arts

Missouri Baptist University

Graduated 2010

Inducted into Alpha Chi

Summa cum laude

3.99 GPA

REFERENCES

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LANGUAGES

Spanish - high reading level (B1)

Hebrew - in progress

PROFILE: Amy's dream was to become an architectural engineer, and after scoring a 30 on the ACT, she enjoyed the promise of a bright and lucrative future. However, when she taught her first piano lesson at the age of sixteen, her trajectory was forever changed. Since that fateful day in 1995, she embraced a lifelong career of teaching. To her, teaching is the ultimate way to serve the future of mankind. She eventually gained accreditation through the prestigious Institute for Excellence in Writing. Because teaching and learning are her favorite pastimes, she pursues her own education with fervor, picking up several new skills with each passing year.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Helping Authors & Entrepreneurs | Crescenza Studio | 2011-present

- Teaches annual in-person workshops to published and hopeful authors at the Faith Forward Writer's Workshop in Sparta, WI
 - Multi-sensory writing techniques
 - Brainstorming techniques
 - The hero's journey
 - Keeping authorial promises
- Teaches online writing and brainstorming workshops to hopeful and published authors and entrepreneurs, including:
 - The Christian Writer's Workshop
 - Writing Well: Small Business Workshop
 - Brainstorming Methods and Practice

Presented *Reduce Your Admin Stress* for Tutor Success Academy

Teaching & Curriculum Development | Crescenza Studio | 2008-present

- Teaches multiple IEW classes in addition to All About Spelling, All About Reading, Barton, Real Reading Co., & Saxon mathematics
- Creates three or four new courses and/or presentations per year
- Created and taught a research-writing class: How to Write an Outstanding Paper
- Established and taught an asynchronous online Essay Course, offering flexibility to students
- Developed and taught many more curricula, including Multisensory Creative Writing, which has been taught by multiple teachers online and on several church/college campuses in MO, WI, & FL.
- Homeschooled son, fueling a passion for teaching homeschoolers

Math & Music Tutoring | Multiple Locations | 1995-present

- Teaches piano and voice at Crescenza Studio
- Teaches ACT prep skills at Crescenza Studio
- Tutors high school math, including algebra, geometry, trigonometry, accounting, and pre-calculus at Crescenza Studio
- Taught piano lessons for three different studios and through East Central College's continuing education department
- Taught voice and four choirs for Kay's Studio and Crescenza
- Tutored Music Theory I & II at East Central College
- Worked as a piano accompanist at four churches and a college
- Served as a pianist in weddings and in a small chamber group

CLASSES OFFERED

Abeka Grammar
Advanced Mathematics (Saxon)
AI in Education Workshop
Algebra ½, I, & II (Saxon)
All About Reading & Spelling
All Things Fun & Fascinating
Analytical Grammar
Ancient History-Based Writing
Barton Reading & Spelling
Bible-Based Writing Lessons
Brainstorming Methods & Practice
Christian Writer's Workshop
Dress-ups, Decorations, & Diversions
Fables, Myths, & Fairy Tales
Fix-It! Grammar, levels 1-5
Foundations of Torah
Frontiers in Writing
IEW Checklist Review Classes
Introduction to Public Speaking
Kids Write Novels
Let Us Reason Together Series
Logical Fallacies
Medieval History-Based Writing
Modern History-Based Writing
Multisensory Creative Writing
People & Places in Our Community
Progress & Promise Workshop
Phonetic Zoo
Reading & Spelling, Pure & Simple
Reduce Your Admin Stress Presentation
Strengthening Structure
Structure & Style, levels 1A-2C
Study Skills for Scholars
Thompson's Building Language
University-Ready Writing
US History-Based Writing
Vocabulary Stories
Windows to the World (Lit. Analysis)
Write a Story This Summer
Writing Well: Small Business Edition

EXPERIENCE, ACHIEVEMENTS, & ETHICS

Writing Experience | Crescenza Studio | 2011-present

- Writes about homeschooling, homemaking, and theology at *Full Circle Homeschooling* (2011-2025)
- Submitted proposals and authored social media content for Faith Forward Writer's Workshop in Wisconsin in 2023-2024
- Wrote press releases for the Faith Forward Writer's Workshop (WI) in 2023 and for Kay's Music Studio in 2012
- Contributed to *Homeschool Enrichment Magazine* between 2011 and 2014
 - Articles included: "Dad's Work Is Never Done" & "Asking Questions, Analyzing Answers"
 - Columns included: "Once Upon a Homeschool" & "News Notes"
- Wrote the "Vendor Spotlight" for *The Sullivan Independent News* (MO), during the 2012 farmers' market season

Professional Editing Services | Crescenza Studio | 2014-2018

- Edited *The Legend of Hickory* trilogy for Caleb Brendel, who wrote and published all three books before graduating from high school
- Edited various documents, including:
 - University applications
 - University-level papers in MLA and APA styles
 - *Walking Blind*, a Bildungsroman novel by Tom Rudloff

Academic Achievements | Multiple Academic Institutions | 1998-2010

- Scored 30 on the ACT
- Graduated *summa cum laude* from Missouri Baptist University
- Inducted into Phi Theta Kappa & Alpha Chi
- 3.99 overall GPA, including a 4.0 in the following relevant courses:
 - Child Psychology
 - Psychology of Teaching & Learning
 - Foundational Perspectives in Education
 - Methods of Teaching
 - World Literature
 - World Literary Types
 - Technology & Instructional Media
 - Comp I & II

Personal Work Ethic

- Known for hard work; committed to delivering individualized, quality education
- Willing to explore unfamiliar territory and go the extra mile for students' needs
- Considers every learning experience an opportunity for growth and nurtures the same mindset in students

Accreditation

- Earned accreditation from the Institute for Excellence in Writing for completing their practicum, *Teaching Writing Structure & Style*