

Biography Annelies George *author*

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HOW IT ALL STARTED...

Author Annelies George was born in Bussum, the Netherlands, the second daughter of Levie George and Greet van Weerdenburg.

At the age of ten she was given a postcard collection of landscapes and city settings from countries all over the globe, tickling her imagination. Soon she found herself writing fiction stories together with her two year older sister, Marianne, during the school holidays, using the postcards and other pictures she found in magazines as the source of inspiration.

After the gymnasium, she followed a one-year course as an international secretary in Amsterdam. Immediately afterward she started to work for a law firm, studying finance, management and law during the evening hours with the goal of becoming a lawyer.

HER CAREER IN THE IT WORLD

A move to a different town brought her into the fast IT world. She was employed by GE Capital, marking the start of a successful career in the international IT Finance world. Due to the intensity of the job and long working hours, she abandoned her plans for a law degree.

At the age of 30 she was appointed to Benelux managing director of a US based lease company. This was a rare phenomenon at the time, since few females were holding similar positions in the specific branch in the Netherlands. Thereafter she accepted a variety of EMEA and regional management and sales roles with Cisco, Microsoft and Hewlett Packard. Currently Annelies is working for an international French ICT Finance & Services Company, Econocom.

BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER...

Encouraged by two friends she resumed writing again at a later age, with the purpose of releasing a book detailing her personal adventures as a woman in a male-dominated business environment. Due to circumstances surrounding the events she described, she had to re-write the entire story. Frustrated, she stopped working on the book.

Soon thereafter she spoke to a psychic with an extraordinary life story, which inspired her to start writing again. Combined with the far from easy youth of her own parents – one separated from his family at the age of twelve and held captive during the Japanese occupation in Indonesia and the other living in Amsterdam during the German occupation with a brother killed due to his connection with the resistance – she realized that this specific generation had to endure a lot in their lives and should she ever write a book again, the tale needed to contain an underlying message, in line with the books of some of her own favorite authors.

HER LIFE LATELY...

Annelies still lives in Bussum, the Netherlands and works as a Development & Operations Director for a French international company. She loves, among other activities, to paint and design necklaces when she is not writing. *"Loveable Light"* is a private initiative she is pursuing, directly linked to the welfare of the Earth. On occasion she likes to travel to discover new places and understand the different ways of living around the globe.

Do you want to interview Annelies and learn more? Please feel free to contact her agent, Elisabeth Alblas: elisabeth@basaiia.com. Elisabeth will get in touch with you. Or simply fill in the contact form displayed on the website.

Thank you for your interest,

Annelies George

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