



The Making of Isaac Hunt

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Short Biography

For 10 years Linda Leigh Hargrove co-led racial reconciliation discussion groups and conducted panels on racism in the Church. The former environmental engineer currently resides in North Carolina with her husband and three sons where she occasionally designs a web site. Visit her online at LLHargrove.com.

Long Biography

Linda Leigh Hargrove is a native of the Blacklands of North Carolina, a farm-rich portion of the northeastern corner of the state. Linda uses her southern roots as a springboard for many of her writings. She enjoys writing essays and fiction that include the personality of the state she loves.

Never one to let words like 'underprivileged black girl' define her, young Linda read constantly. That is, when she wasn't exploring the backwoods of Creswell, North Carolina with her two older sisters, lots of cousins, and a' plenty other critters. Creswell, dubbed a quaint farming village in the lower Dismal swamp, made her into a lover of tall tales and natural color. One of many creative Leigh women, Linda also knits, crochets, and paints.

After graduating from North Carolina State University with a Masters in Agricultural Engineering, she worked for over four years as an environmental engineer for the State of North Carolina. That position gave her the chance to experience the character, humor, and bigness of the nation, but especially that of her favorite state.

Linda co-led racial reconciliation discussion groups in Raleigh, NC through Building Together Ministries (BTM) from 1992 to 2002. For three years during that time, she led a round table on biblical racial reconciliation at Providence Baptist Church's Whole Woman Day Conference. She's served on BTM's racial reconciliation advisory committee and has attended a number of racial reconciliation conferences offered through BTM and the Christian Community Development Association, a national organization founded by international speaker and teacher on racial reconciliation, Dr. John Perkins.

In speaking and writing, it is Linda's objective for Christians to see examples of how to respond to prejudice and racism in a more biblical and concerted fashion, and with such power that the world may know Christ and His forgiveness. Linda writes out of a desire to breathe life into abstract racial reconciliation principles, put skin on them and test them in the real world of Christian fiction.

A member of the North Carolina Writers Network, Linda has participated in workshops offered by the Network, and taken writing classes at North Carolina State University and Wake Technical Community College. Linda has won contests with Coolreading.com and TheFirstLine.com, published an article with *Sharing Magazine* ("One Man Gives Up the Comfortable", Feb. 2002), and articles with the North

Carolina Journal for Women. Her short fiction and essays can be found at FaithWriters.com and InfuzeMag.com.

Linda currently lives in North Carolina with her husband and three sons. In her spare time, she's working freelance (designing web sites and digital graphics) and writing. Always writing.

