

Niki Mathias

Short Bio

I'm a former aerospace executive turned writer, living in Tucson and Denver. With a BA in English from The Ohio State University and a master's in applied positive psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, I explore how stories shape us. I believe the right story at the right moment can change a life.

Long Bio

I've always been unapologetically idealistic about making the world a better place. That drive first led me to serve as a Peace Corps volunteer, then as a high school English teacher, and later to earn a master's degree in applied positive psychology.

Additionally, I've always been fiercely independent and practical. I left teaching for the corporate world—frustrated by the limitations of our educational systems. Over the next 20+ years, I built a career inside a Fortune 100 company, weaving together idealism and pragmatism. I led organizational change, championed leadership development, and guided teams through large-scale transformations. I rose through leadership roles into senior executive roles and for many years the work was creative and fulfilling.

But as the corporate landscape shifted—and as I did too—I decided to pivot. I returned to writing, channeling both my entrepreneurial spirit and my deep belief in human potential.

Today, **I write as an orchid**: sensitive by nature, attuned to nuance, and convinced that the right story at the right moment can change a life. Writing is my way of making the world better—one story at a time.