



[Mississippi Songwriters Festival (2014)]

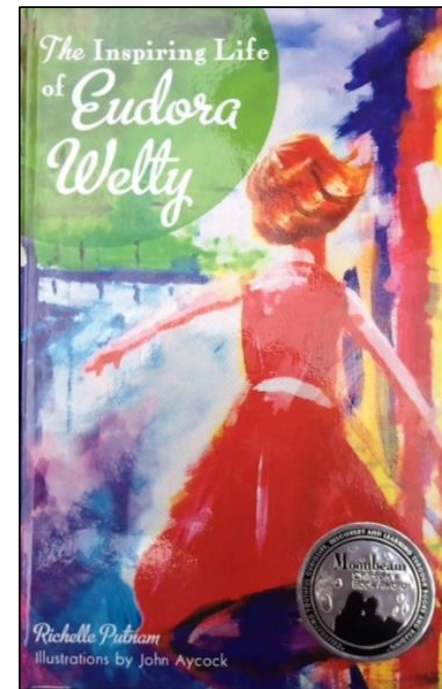
*As a singer/songwriter, Richelle's songs have been awarded by American Songwriter Magazine, Mike Pinder's Songwars, Song of the Year, UK Songwriting Competition, and have been featured on IRADIO LA, Band Radio, Midnight Special Blues Radio, Dr. Lou and the House of Blues Hour, Women of Substance Radio, Radio Crystal Blue, Acoustic Fuel, Pongid, WomensRadio, and Skope Magazine Radio. Her lyrics have been published in American Songwriter Magazine and on their website. She co-wrote a nine song soundtrack to "Women of Potta Chitto," a historical play set during the Civil War. Grierson's Raid was a top-five finalist in Song of the Year's folk Category. Grierson's Raid and Rebel Soldier are being considered for a Civil War CD Compilation.*

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### Who is Richelle Putnam?

Richelle Putnam is listed on the Mississippi Arts Commission Artist/ Teaching Artist Roster, and the Mississippi Humanities Speaker Board. She is a recipient of the 2014 Mississippi Arts Commission Literary Fellowship. Her literary work has been published in Common Ties, Pif Magazine, The Copperfield Review, Birmingham Arts Journal and two bestselling series: A Cup of Comfort for Mothers and Daughters and A Cup of Comfort for Christmas Prayer and A Cup of Comfort Twelve Days of Christmas and more and was also chosen for The Copperfield Review's 10th Anniversary Celebration Anthology. She writes for *Town & Gown Magazine*, *Mississippi Magazine*, *Parents & Kids*, *Well Being*, *Portico*, and *Social South* magazines. History Press commissioned her to write *Lauderdale County, Mississippi; a Brief History*, released in November 2011. She co-authored *Legendary Locals of Meridian, Mississippi* (Arcadia Publishing) with June Davidson, released October 2013. Her young-adult nonfiction book *The Inspiring Life of Eudora Welty*, published by History Press April 2014, received the 2014 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards Silver Medal in YA non-fiction e-book.



# Richelle Putnam

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teacher, student



## Mississippi Arts Commission Roster and Teaching Artist

For over ten years, Richelle has worked with schools, preschools, libraries, community centers, and organizations to reveal and teach the art of writing and that writing is indeed art. She incorporates music and the beauty of language into every subject to assist in classroom achievement. As a MAC Roster and Teaching Artist, organizations may apply for grant through the MAC for assistance in paying her fee.

<http://www.arts.state.ms.us/>

### Educational Background:

A current student in Gotham Writers of New York's Memoir Certificate Program, Richelle holds diplomas from The Institute of Children's Literature, Gotham Writers Fiction Certificate Program, Open College for the Arts Advanced Writing Program, Writers Digest and other accredited writing institutions, she teaches creative writing at Meridian Community College and through libraries, schools and online.

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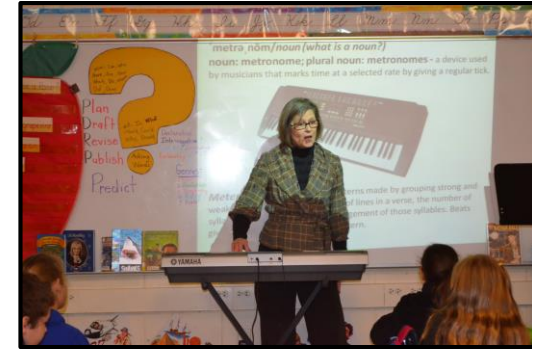
*"Every moment is a lesson, every lesson an opportunity, every opportunity a new road taking you on another journey in life."*

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## Mississippi Humanities Speaker

Richelle is also listed on the Mississippi Humanities Council Speaker Board. Those interested in hiring Richelle as a speaker at a special event or as a workshop facilitator can apply for assistance in paying her fee through the Council.

<http://www.mshumanities.org/>



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## Some Workshop Titles

Poetry to Song

Reliving History through Playwriting

From the Villain's Point-of-View

Ballads: Writing History from Song

Story: When Conflict is a Good Thing

## A Few Speaker Topics:

The Arts in Everyday Life

Memoirs and Why they're Important

Grandparents as Parents

Becoming an "Unabler"