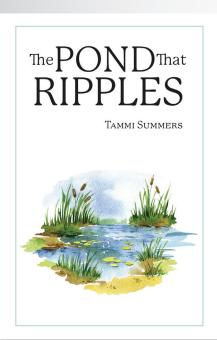
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The POND That RIPPLES

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The Pond That Ripples represents a person who experiences disruptions and changes in life. Ripples on a pond, on an otherwise smooth surface, may be perceived as calming or disturbing, depending on the perspective of the gazer. It is this realization—that how we relate to change in our lives, whether we row with the current or against it—that determines the extent to which we evolve as people.

About the Author



Tammi Lynn Summers is a native of Columbus, Georgia. Growing up as a military child, she moved with her father, mother, and siblings from country to country and state to state. Seeing the world at an early age opened Tammi's eyes and enabled her to gain an appreciation for diverse cultures and their history.

Tammi received her bachelor's degree in communications from Columbus State University and received her master's degree in cybersecurity at Norfolk State University. In May 2007, Tammi became a commissioned officer in the United States Army. As an officer, Tammi has lived in various places, completed three combat tours to Afghanistan, and one operational assignment to Kuwait.

Tammi's mantra is to pursue God passionately. Through this mantra Tammi wrote, recorded, and produced her first music album, *In the Making*, with popular songs titled "Keep it in the Middle" and "Walk by Faith," which may be found on SoundCloud. Tammi also co-wrote, with her twin sister Tifani, the lyrics for Columbus, Georgia's Northside High School anthem, titled, "O' Northside High, O' Northside High." In 2019, Tammi's original song "Cancer Found Me" was selected to be performed at the annual American Cancer Society's peninsula breast cancer walk.

Tammi's poem "Moving Forward" won the 2016 Fort Hood Black History Month Poetry Contest. In the same year, "Moving Forward" was also published in volume three of Texas A&M's literary journal, *The Lookout*.

When off duty, Tammi can be found volunteering in her community, attending seminars and forums, and supporting her local church. As a Christian, her greatest desire in life and in service is to please God while loving people.

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