

## Author Bio - long version

**Michele Pam Wright** has explored the natural world all her life. Her deep respect for nature and the desire to protect it led to her four-book series, written to encourage readers to explore the magic and mystery of nature for themselves.

Born in 1962 in Toledo, Ohio, Michele has always had a variety of interests. While her high school teachers and a college professor encouraged her to be a writer, she graduated from Northern Kentucky University with a B.A. in Art with an emphasis in graphic design. She has been a professional graphic designer for 23 years, as well as a published writer, freelance photographer, and artist. She is a current member of the SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators).

Michele decided to publish the Shayla book series after she directed a weekly nature program at an elementary school. She noticed the children developed a passion to care for the environment when they were given the opportunity to explore the outdoors and discuss the natural world. Her experience with these presentations, along with interactive discussions and activities with the children, fueled her desire to publish her books.

Through poetic descriptions of the four seasons, important life lessons, and vivid illustrations, the reader is encouraged to look a little closer at the natural world. The main characters are carefully crafted from natural items such as pine cones, nuts, and moss, then combined with Wright's nature photos in a high-end graphics program, resulting in a totally unique and realistic illustration style. Detailed instructions for readers on how to create their own nature friends are at the end of each book.

Reading with her daughters and hiking are Michele's favorite family memories. She has been married to her husband, Randy, for 20 years and has two daughters and a grandson. She lives with her husband and youngest daughter in Ft. Thomas, Kentucky, just outside of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The books will be launched on Earth Day, April 22, 2014 and will be available on the wrightdesignsbooks.com website, on Amazon.com, and at the Barnes & Noble website, barnesandnoble.com

For more information about Michele Pam Wright's books, visit: www.wrightdesignsbooks.com or email: info@wrightdesignsbooks.com You can follow her on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/ShaylaAndFriends and on Twitter at: twitter.com/mpwrightbooks

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## Books by Michele Pam Wright:

Spring Season: Shayla the Forest Fairy and the Perfect Day Summer Season: Shayla and the Mermaid of the Lake Autumn Season: Shayla and the Dark Forest Dragon Winter Season: The Forest Fairy and the Phoenix

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