

Rita Dragonette

Author Biography

Rita Dragonette is the author of the debut novel, *The Fourteenth of September*. She is an award-winning writer and storyteller who, after a successful career as a leading public relations executive, has returned to her original creative path of bringing stories to readers. Drawing from her own personal experiences on campus during the Vietnam War in her first novel, she often draws parallels from that time to the social unrest that exists today as well as the similarities, generation to generation.

The Fourteenth of September has been the recipient of numerous awards for new, historical, literary and women's fiction as well as cover design. These include multiple awards from the National Indie Excellence Awards, Best Book Awards and American Book Fest, as well as awards from Readers' Favorite, Beverly Hills Book Awards and the Hollywood Book Festival.

Rita is currently at work on three other books: an homage to *The Sun Also Rises* about expats chasing their last dream in San Miguel de Allende, a World War II novel based upon her interest in the impact of war on and through women, and a memoir in essays. She lives and writes in Chicago, where she also hosts literary salons to showcase authors and their new books to avid readers.