

PROFILE

Barbara Mahany, once a pediatric oncology nurse, was a staff writer at the *Chicago Tribune* for nearly thirty years, and is the author of five books. Her first book, *Slowing Time: Seeing the Sacred Outside Your Kitchen Door*, was named a *Publishers Weekly* Top Ten religion book for Fall, 2014. Of her newest title, *The Book of Nature: The Astonishing Beauty of God's First Sacred Text* (Broadleaf Books, March 2023), it's been written, "If *Slowing Time* was a field guide into the depths of your holiest hours, *The Book of Nature* is a field guide to the depths of your holiest places." She is married to Blair Kamin, Pulitzer Prize-winning former *Chicago Tribune* architecture critic. They have two sons, Will and Teddy.

EXPERIENCE

AUTHOR

2014 - present

Slowing Time: Seeing the Sacred Outside Your Kitchen Door (Abingdon Press, 2014); *Motherprayer: Lessons in Loving* (Abingdon, 2017); *The Blessings of Motherprayer: Sacred Whispers of Mothering* (Abingdon, 2018); *The Stillness of Winter: Sacred Blessings of the Season* (Abingdon, 2020); *The Book of Nature: The Astonishing Beauty of God's First Sacred Text* (Broadleaf, 2023).

FREELANCE JOURNALIST

Chicago, IL

2012 - present

Articles published in the *New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *OnBeing* website, *Orion* magazine, *America* magazine, *Chicago* magazine, among others.

STAFF WRITER

Chicago Tribune, Chicago, IL

1982-2012

Highlights: 10-part "Hunger in America" series (Livingston Award finalist); Jeanine Nicarico murder trial and re-trial; the journey of Mother Theresa's nuns to a desperately poor parish on Chicago's West Side; national reporting on Iran-Contra investigations. Works published: *Los Angeles Times*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Miami Herald*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *The Seattle Times*, *The Orlando Sentinel*, among dozens of others.

STAFF NURSE

Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL

1979-1982

Assigned to special medical/school-age and adolescent unit, primarily pediatric oncology and hematology, and children with chronic and terminal diseases.

EDUCATION

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, MEDILL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

Evanston, IL — M.S.J., 1982

Harrington Award, highest honor for outstanding graduate student (newspaper); graduated first in her class

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF NURSING

Milwaukee, WI — B.S.N., 1979

Beren's Key Award, highest honor for outstanding undergraduate nursing student; Valedictorian; Alpha Sigma Nu, National Jesuit Honor Society

AWARDS

Various writing awards, including 1984 Livingston Award for Young Journalists, finalist; *Spirituality & Practice* Best Spirituality Books (2017, 2014); American Association of Sunday and Feature Editors (2007, 2006), Chicago Audubon Society (2009).

ETCETERA

2012-2103 Affiliate, Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University.

1990 Librettist, "Polly and the Dinosaurs," a children's orchestral fairy tale. World premiere, conducted by Yuri Falik, with members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus. Orchestra Hall, Symphony Center. Chicago. March 4, 1990.