

Vivian Healey

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Region: Avalon Peninsula

Willing to Travel: No

Available For:

Editing/Proofreading

Readings

Copywriting

School Visits

Interviewing

Biography:

Vivian Patricia Healey has always been interested in words, languages, origins of words, grammar and punctuation. She calls herself a “grammar geek.” She is an excellent proof-reader, and for years has assisted her children Zaren and Evan in this regard during the writing of their university papers. She loves to banish ambiguity from sentences, and to relocate misplaced modifiers to where they belong. She worked for a St. John's law firm for over 23 years, and though writing was not the focus of her position there, she was known as someone to call upon for her proof-reading skills.

Vivian could be called a late bloomer in many aspects of her life, not the least of which is the continuation of her formal education. In 2016, when she was in her late 50s, she returned to university (the University of Victoria) and received her BA in English in 2021, successfully completing not only English courses, but courses in Art History/Visual Studies, Sociology, Gender Studies, History, and Anthropology. She went on to be accepted into the MA program at UVic and received her MA (English) in 2023. She has written a personal memoir, and is now writing a biography of her father, who was from Blackhead, Cape Spear. Vivian hopes to publish this biography.

Selected Publications:

University of Victoria Department of English MA Cohort 2022-2023 “Small Archives” project compiled and printed in April 2023 by Dr. Adrienne Williams Boyarin.