

Author Biography

Naomi Douglas Davis is a psychotherapist licensed in New York State. She is a native of Niagara Falls, NY, obtaining a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Niagara University. She received a master's degree in Social Science Administration from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Ms. Davis has worked in the mental health field for over ten years with children and adults. In addition to her full-time work for the NY State Office of Mental Health, she volunteers in a community-based counseling center. She is also a contributing professional for the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle's *Good Counsel* column which is devoted to providing helpful tips on family and relationship issues.

“When people learn my profession, many wonder if I'm analyzing them, like I have some crystal ball that reveals all of their hidden secrets. They are totally unaware that the profession has caused me to be afraid of what goes on in many minds. Thus, the crystal ball is always hidden. So, don't be afraid; I don't know.

I began writing about four years ago. I always had a vivid imagination that could and would display itself to my family, friends, and co-workers. When I'd complete my impromptu, I'd inform everyone that it was a creation of my mind and not true. However, given the circumstances, my stories were not always appreciated. They called it 'lying.'

When I recognized that my daughter's 'lies' (she was eight years old, at the time) were a direct result of misunderstanding the expression of my imagination, I stopped verbally displaying my creativity and began writing. Everyone around me was grateful. Writing gives me control. The characters do exactly what I say, and the story ends exactly as it should. At least to me, it does.

I enjoy interacting with people and I want to know what you think about the book while you're reading. I invite you to share your feelings about the book, your similar experiences, and your constructive criticism. I want you to contribute ideas to the development of my next book.”

Naomi lives in Upstate New York with her husband and their two children. She is the seventh of eight children born to Paul and Frances Douglas. God and family are two things she was taught to value as a child. She wishes it was a universal lesson shared with all children.

