

## SLWG Member Spotlight: *We're pleased to present...*

### Becky Povich



**SLWG Member Since January 2007  
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**Becky Povich** joined SLWG in 2007. She is also a member of MWG and The Saturday Writers. Even though she hasn't been able to attend as many functions as she would like, she still keeps up with all the news by reading every e-mail and newsletter she receives.

Becky didn't begin writing until she was in her late forties. She wrote for the St. Peters/St. Charles Journals from December 2001 to February 2005 as one of the Opinion Shapers. Her first paid publication was for a story published in *Chicken Soup for the New Mom's Soul*, which arrived in book stores in April 2007. Since that time, she's had stories published in three other *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books, all which came out in 2008. The latest one, *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Divorce & Recovery* contains a story Becky is particularly proud of. In it, she writes about her estranged relationship with her dad, after her parents' divorce in the 1960s. (An earlier draft of that story in 2001 is what landed her a spot in the Opinion Shapers. Becky truly thanks her father, both literally and figuratively, for the fact that she is a writer.)

Since March of 2008, Becky has been writing a weekly column for the *Adair County Free Press*. It is located in the wonderful small town of Greenfield, Iowa. Her parents and both sets of grandparents were from there and Becky still gets back to visit other relatives and friends as often as possible. To Becky, it's a magical place with a Town Square, quaint shops, friendly people and most of all ... happy memories of her childhood summer vacations. Becky refers to it as her own personal "Mayberry." (As a young girl, she

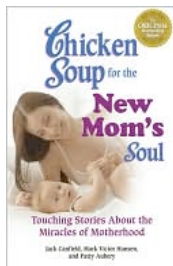
thought the newspaper was actually **free**, since it was called The Free Press! Her dad explained the meaning of freedom of speech, and it must've been quite profound to her, considering she still remembers it to this day.) Unfortunately, the newspaper does not have a web site, so if anyone would like to read Becky's columns, she'll be happy to e-mail the subscription information! It is also posted on her blog, [www.BeckyPovich.blogspot.com](http://www.BeckyPovich.blogspot.com)

Becky has been working on her first book, a memoir of sorts, for quite some time. Every year she fully intends on finishing it and getting it published, but something seems to hold her back. Most likely, that **thing** is a lack of confidence! She thinks she at least has a great, attention-getting, title for it: ***That Crowbar Changed Everything!***

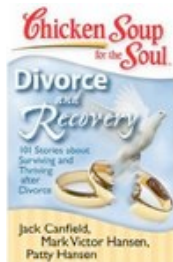
Please check out Becky's blog at [www.BeckyPovich.blogspot.com](http://www.BeckyPovich.blogspot.com) and feel free to leave comments.

You can get one of the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books signed at a book signing where Becky will be ready with her pen at Border's at South County Mall, 8 South County Centerway, St. Louis 63129. The signing takes place on February 7 from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. Her true stories are sure to make you smile, laugh out loud or bring a tear to your eye. Please come out and support Becky.

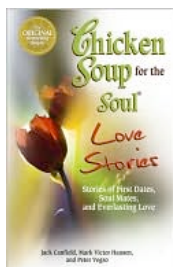
Also, check out the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books below that contain Becky's articles. Regarding *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Teens Talk Getting In ... To College* - it's kind of misleading, because she's obviously NOT a teen. A few of the stories are written by the parents of the college student. Becky wrote about her son's desire to go to Wash U, and Wash U only! And that he actually got accepted!



*Chicken Soup for the New Mom's Soul*  
ISBN 13: 978-0-7573-0583-2

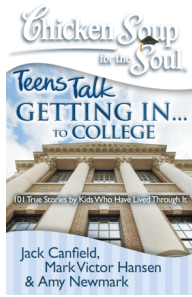


*Chicken Soup for the Soul: Divorce and Recovery*  
ISBN 13: 978-1-935096-21-4



*Chicken Soup for the Soul: Love Stories*

ISBN 13: 978-0-7573-0663-1



*Chicken Soup for the Soul: Teens Talk Getting In...To College*  
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