

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

### Heather Bodendieck



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**Heather Bodendieck** believes there are certain elements that most writers' bios seem to share and hers is no different – she's always been an avid reader and can't remember a time when she wasn't writing. She wrote countless novellas as a child, completed her first screen play at age 13 and her first novel at age 17. After getting married at the ripe old age of 20, time spent writing became more sporadic. Still, the stories brewed in her mind and by 30, she promised herself she'd make writing a priority again. With a stack of ideas begging to become books, she first tackled a project entitled *Tumbleweed*, which is now in the editing stage. Next was *Ties That Bind*, which is currently in the submission process. Two additional projects, *Suddenly a Spy* and *Jailbird*, had been vying to be next in line—*Jailbird* won and is well on its way! Heather's writing falls somewhere between Chick Lit and Romance.

No matter what her job title, Heather has always been a writer at heart, and it was this ability that was noticed by superiors. In every position she held, she did her best to find a way to turn it into writing experience. Heather received her BA in Communication from Maryville University in 2007 – twelve years and three children after graduating high school. She is now a full-time Communication Specialist for Scottrade and a part-time freelance writer.

Heather works with mission groups both locally and abroad to better the human condition. One such group is proVISION INDIA—a non-profit dedicated to empowering poor and disadvantaged people in various communities in South Asia. (For more on their work, visit [www.provisionindia.org](http://www.provisionindia.org).)

Heather lives in Eureka, Missouri with her husband of eleven years, three boys and a passel of pets. The Bodendiecks are planning to purchase their first alpaca this summer, and Heather hopes to soon be writing her novels from her own farm.

To read an excerpt from Heather's latest project or to contact Heather, visit: [www.heatherbodendieck.com](http://www.heatherbodendieck.com)  
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