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A. TITLE, SERIES AND AUTHOR

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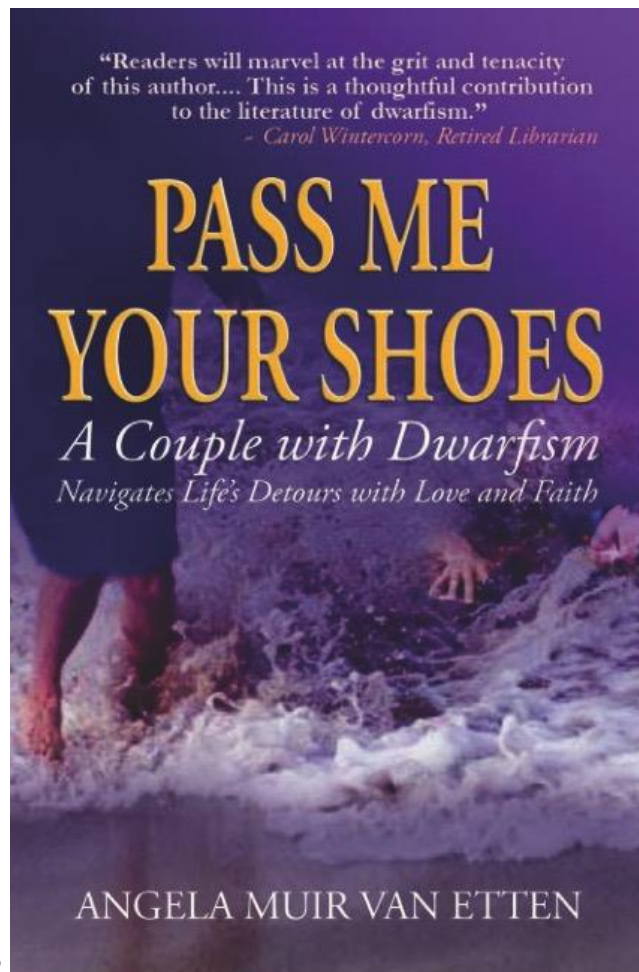
A Couple with Dwarfism Navigates Life’s Detours with Love and Faith

Book Two in Dwarfism Trilogy Series

By Angela Muir Van Etten

B. BLURB

What happens when a marriage is complicated by dwarfism, dishonesty, discord, and discrimination? Read how God took two people with numerous challenges and grew them into a faithful couple who honored Him. Their story speaks to the hearts of everyone, regardless of their differences, difficulties, or legal status.



C. FRONT COVER

D. BUY LINK, <https://www.amazon.com/Pass-Me-Your-Shoes-Navigates-ebook/dp/B09KB1GNV8/>

E. TAGLINE

How a couple challenged with dwarfism, dishonesty, discord, and discrimination grow into mature Christians.

F. BOOK DETAILS

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G. SYNOPSIS

The couple met on Saint Patrick’s Day, got engaged on Mother’s Day, and married on Halloween—all in the same year. Their marriage vows were repeated in three ceremonies: one to meet immigration law and two to accommodate families living about 8,500 miles apart in New Zealand and the United States. The whirlwind romance of the President of Little People of America (LPA) with the President of Little People of New Zealand was a surprise to everyone, including the couple.

Even the best marriages require intentional effort to thrive. And this marriage was complicated by dwarfism, different cultures and careers, dishonesty, discord, disappointment, and discrimination. As victims of betrayal, theft, fraud, embezzlement and unemployment, for several years the couple moved from state to state looking for job stability and a place to put down roots. Through it all, God provided new opportunities, kept them together, and close to loving family and friends.

Their common height of three-feet-four-inches was not a common interest that could hold the marriage together. Workaholism, a failing business, and a breakdown in communication put the marriage on the brink. Yet this story of a 35-year marriage is a picture of God’s power being “*made perfect in weakness.*” ∞ 2 Corinthians 12:9, New International Version®.

Christian counseling and a renewed commitment to God and one another was the key to marriage recovery. Dependence on God during mobility limitations and surgeries was also critical to finding peace and maturity in their Christian walk and

ministry. In a culture where self is elevated above all else, their example takes away any excuse people have for failing to serve God, love their families, and help others.

H. WHO BENEFITS FROM READING *PASS ME YOUR SHOES*?

Anyone who enjoys a good love story will be quickly drawn into the international whirlwind romance and marriage of a couple with dwarfism. But the story soon shifts to the challenges of dishonesty, discord, and discrimination. The stuff real life is made of, the stuff no-one wants to talk about, the stuff hidden behind vacation pictures on social media.

No-one skates through life without suffering some kind of hardship—abuse, betrayal, cancer, divorce, environmental, financial, grief, health, incarceration, and so it goes through the alphabet. As a result, everyone will consider their own challenges when observing how this couple responded to one set-back after another. In tears, with perseverance, eventually trusting that God’s plans were better than their own.

The author’s humor and wit persist throughout their tale of various troubles throughout their 35-year marriage. Readers will be encouraged to live every day with hope and confidence in God’s strength, love, and mercy in all circumstances. And find no excuse for failing to fulfill their God given purpose in life.

People with dwarfism and other disabilities will benefit as they are portrayed as equal contributing members of both the church and society.

I. PRAISE FOR *PASS ME YOUR SHOES*

Pass Me Your Shoes is a very well written love story of two people from two very different continents. Their trials and tribulations of life as a “little couple” will have you wanting to read more to see what happens next. The story was so well written and inviting it made you feel that you were part of the story itself. I loved every chapter and cannot wait for the next book of her life! ~ Mary O’Neill

“*Pass Me Your Shoes*” is a beautiful and interesting story of love, life, struggles, challenges, good times, hard times and faith. I am still in awe of how nothing held this couple back. Whatever struggle came their way, they found an answer, whether the height of kitchen cabinets, job searches, renting a car, international travel, they figured it all out and made it work. They have truly lived life to the fullest!

I love how the author does not sugar coat her life, she is real, authentic. I also love how the author uses humor throughout and I found myself smiling often and even laughing out loud a few times. This is one book I would highly recommend to anyone, whether you are just looking for a great story or looking for encouragement and hope through life’s craziness. ~ Debby Williams

Facing adversity is never easy but for those who do it with faith and courage, it can be transformative. Angela’s story is one of those. Full of relatable real-life stories,

it reveals the capacity for a person with dwarfism to find a way forward, despite all odds in a fulfilling career, marriage, and life mission. I loved how she and her husband, Robert met as Presidents of the Little People of America and New Zealand respectively, married, and shared a desire to achieve a better life for little people and others with disabilities. They took the challenges they faced and turned them into blessings for others. At its heart, it is a story of resilience, hope, and transformation. I finished it in one sitting. *I recommend this for ages 18+. ~ Juliette Glasow

Pass Me Your Shoes is an honest and well-documented memoir that reveals the challenges and successes of the author as a little person. Suffused with loving and humorous anecdotes of family and friends, it is also a testament of faith. Readers will marvel at the grit and tenacity of this author to succeed in life and love. This book provides a thoughtful contribution to the literature of dwarfism. ~ Carol Wintercorn

With humor, love and a good dose of faith, Mrs. Muir Van Etten has written a delightful book about relationships and perseverance. Being different is never easy, but this story is full of courage and hope. This book makes you stop and think and is very relatable. Great read! ~ Nicole

I know of no one who has faced greater barriers and overcome them with more success than these two. The range of their experiences and quality of accomplishments should be an inspiration to anyone. *I can't* is not in their vocabulary. Not only did they face down their own unique challenges, but each became an effective advocate for others with similar barriers to full access to opportunities to excel. ~ Lee Fielder

Pass Me Your Shoes is an authentic and powerful account of a full life lived in the face of physical adversity. Angela Muir Van Etten wrote it in a way that everyone—those who live with physical disabilities and those who don't—can relate to. Her life experiences are shared with humor, humility, and heartfelt transparency. Her insights into marriage, living with dwarfism, perseverance, faith, and joy will inspire readers from all walks of life. And her resiliency encourages us to face our own obstacles in the same way. ~ Ava Pennington

I really enjoyed this inspirational book. Angela gives a very real insight into her marriage challenges and physical challenges she has overcome in her life. It also gives a great insight into God's power and that He can help you navigate tough situations that will come up in life. ~ Mark Trombino

This book is absolutely amazing! *Pass Me Your Shoes* reveals how a couple with dwarfism live their life with everyday struggles you never think about. The author tells it like it is. When you do wrong, there are consequences. Through the good times and bad, they learned to trust God. His plans are always better. Even when faced with a major heart surgery and the need to get insurance approval to go out-of-

network Angela held close Ephesians 3:20. Just love the grit and humor that is constantly displayed throughout and leaving you chuckling at times. ~ Brenda Bell

I loved this book. It made me weep, it made me chuckle to myself and it made me laugh out loud. It is extremely well written. I read it until 2.00 a.m. every night as I was hooked and couldn't put it down. It is both sad and funny all at once and I am in awe of the author's courage, determination and resilience. The author left her homeland New Zealand to marry a man in the U.S. There was no internet or Skype and the two of them faced many challenges including job insecurity and prejudice due to the fact that they were little people. This is their story, told with humor and passion. It is a gem. Don't miss it! ~ Dianne Charlton

"Pass Me Your Shoes" is a wonderful, true-to-life story of two imperfect people brought together by love and the commonality of both being little people (aka dwarfs). The author shares in an honest, authentic, and humorous way how she and her husband face life's challenges head-on and with a strong faith in God. The stories of their experiences, hospitality to others, and advocacy for those with disabilities show that they stand by their principles and values; and their strong Christian faith is a wonderful example to us all. Angela shares many examples of God's hand and timing in their lives.

On the lighter side, I laughed out loud when I read accounts involving false teeth and a flaming dinner. I highly recommend you read *"Pass Me Your Shoes"* for the details of those amusing tales and many more, including the story behind the book cover and title. The read will be time well spent. ~ Little Mama of Faith

Pass Me Your Shoes is a powerful study of friendship, love and advocacy! Author Angela Van Etten has *hit the nail on the head* when it comes to describing the obstacles that a person with a disability faces every day! There were times that I laughed and others that I wanted to cry as I read this story of two people with dwarfism as they navigated love, marriage, employment and so many other obstacles that the world has thrown at them. Grit, determination and the love of God helped Angela and her husband, Robert prevail! Don't miss this book! ~ Donna Hosang

Angela's frank, vulnerable, and humorous writing style draws readers in and keeps them engaged. *Pass Me Your Shoes* is the story of two imperfect people learning to live together and love one another in spite of significant problems with their marriage, careers, and health. It reveals the growth that occurred as they remained committed to one another and learned to allow God to guide them through each difficulty. Because Angela and her husband, Robert, are both 40 inches tall, the reader is afforded a realistic portrayal of the practical challenges faced by little people living in a society that caters to taller people. I highly recommend *Pass Me Your Shoes*! It is informative, thought-provoking, entertaining, enlightening, and encouraging. ~ Maureen Longnecker

I've known Angela and Robert Van Etten for many years, so I was pleased that she opened the second volume of her autobiography with the story of their meeting, romance, courtship and marriage. She continues with the growth and development of their marriage, professional careers and faith in God. She writes with a delightful sense of humor and does not hesitate to reveal her deep faith in her Lord Jesus Christ. ~ Dianne Callender

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L. EXCERPTS

1. **Chapter 1, My Heart Beat Faster**, pages 12-13 (217 words)

Our First Outing

The New Zealand Embassy was a convenient place for Bobby to meet me at the beginning of a planned day of sightseeing. Our first stop was the Lincoln Memorial. It didn't take me long to understand Bobby's concern about getting lost on his way to the airport. In broad daylight, he was quite flustered finding his way to the Memorial. And the more lost he got, the faster he drove. He even resorted to asking me for directions—someone who had been in DC for less than 24 hours and could not even see out the car window.

Bobby eventually found his way; we parked and made our way across the street. He then graciously extended his hand to help me up a curb. However, he didn't release my hand after both my feet were set on the sidewalk. Not ready for such a bold move, I let go of his hand. After all, this could hardly be called a date.

We chose the elevator as a good alternative to the 57 steps to President Lincoln's statue that towered above us at more than six times our height. As presidents of two disability organizations, we couldn't help but be inspired by the display of Lincoln's words from the Gettysburg address: *all men are created equal*.

2. **Chapter 4, Alien World**, pages 35-37 (614 words)

Tea Chest Shipment

On January 13, 1982, we had a driving adventure that was foreign to both of us. After getting notice that my tea chest shipment of personal effects had arrived at the Philadelphia port, we decided to pick up the items ourselves. It was actually a matter of principle when we learned that shipping from Philadelphia to Arlington—about 150 miles—was more than the cost to ship from Auckland, New Zealand to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—about 8,500 miles. Bobby made all the measurements and assured me that the tea chests would comfortably fit into the back of our Honda wagon.

After staying overnight in Philadelphia, we woke to discover a blanket of snow. The initial allure vanished after three hours of driving through the city streets of Philadelphia in the slush and ice to the shipping line office. Of course, paperwork had to be completed before we could enter the shipping terminal. We were unprepared for the hostile response of the gate guard, who abruptly waved our Honda wagon out of the container truck line and denied us permission to enter until

Bobby got out of the car and showed him our paperwork. Finally, our unlikely transit vehicle was granted entry.

The shipping clerk’s office was the next stop. Again, service was denied—this time because the clerk could not see Bobby over the counter.

Bobby asked, “Is anybody there?”

The clerk replied “no.”

Taking his cue from other truckers getting service, Bobby quickly adapted, slamming down our papers on the counter above his head and gruffly stating, “Shipping order to be picked up.”

The result? Immediate action.

Ordinarily, trucks pick up shipments by backing up to the loading bay. We drove right inside the warehouse. Surrounded by rows and rows of floor-to-ceiling shelving filled with boxes, we had no idea how we would find my tea chests, let alone get them into the car. There were no workers in sight—until Bobby got out of the car, revealing his stature. Suddenly, workers appeared from all corners of the building, convinced that Bobby was a movie star or one of the millionaire real estate twins who were the same height and age as Bobby. Their assumptions—uncorrected by either of us—provided all the help we needed to locate and load the tea chests into our wagon. Just as Bobby had calculated, they fit with inches to spare.

Our three-hour ordeal at the terminal was almost over—or so we thought. I was driving towards a warehouse opening when Bobby yelled out, “STOP.” He was impressed and totally relieved that I responded instantly. I had jammed on the brakes just before launching off the loading bay ledge. The whiteout of the continuous snowfall made it impossible to tell that this way out was for the birds.

My First Blizzard

Disaster averted, I backed out the warehouse entrance on level ground, and we started home. An hour-and-a-half later we had only travelled 10 miles, so we pulled off the highway and found a motel. Then we learned that not everyone had escaped disaster that day.

The snow blizzard had hit Washington and Air Florida flight 90 had crashed into commuter traffic on the 14th Street Bridge before sinking into the Potomac River. Seventy-eight people were killed—74 on the plane and four on the bridge. Within a half-hour of the plane crash, three more people died in a Metro derailment on the Blue/Orange Line. If Bobby had been in DC that day, he could have been in the traffic on the bridge the plane crashed into, or on the Orange Line going to Ballston Station in Arlington. God’s hand was surely protecting us.

3. Chapter 16, Whose Plan is it Anyway? pages 100-102 (1027 words)

Arrivals

My 1998 arrival in Lake Worth was comparable to my friend Julie’s arrival in West Palm Beach the same year. When we went to pick her up at the railway station, we

discovered that the producers of *The Last Marshall* movie had changed the station’s sign to read *Welcome to Miami*. Likewise, I arrived at the intended destination, but God had changed the sign to read *Welcome to My plans*. But this was no movie. It was a time to watch our plans fall apart and for us to change to God’s plans. As I read in His word,

*The LORD of hosts has sworn saying, “Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand, . . .
For the LORD of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?”* ∞ Isaiah 14:24, 27

Living Arrangements

Buying a house was the first plan to fall. Robert decided to wait until his employment status moved from probationary to permanent before making this commitment. Although the rationale made sense, it was still disappointing to extend our wait another three months.

Living in privacy was the second plan to go down. As the executrix on the estate of her friend Jack, Paula persuaded Robert to move into Jack’s house. I would have preferred to join Robert in the one-bedroom cottage where he had lived for three months while I transitioned from Rochester. I knew Jack’s place would be like living in a museum with many collections and visitors. Stifling my concerns, I gave in, and moved in.

Even eating food from the cupboards proved inadvisable. Robert’s young nephew John discovered this when I fed him cereal from Jack’s kitchen as his after-school snack. John was playing with the cereal and studying it closely when I asked him what was wrong. He said there was something in it. I was skeptical until he showed me the live weevils swimming in the milk!

Jack’s place was like a railway station with lots of arrivals and departures related to winding up his estate. Although Paula was very generous with her time and the rental arrangement, many interruptions made my work from a home office very difficult. Also, it was hard for both of us living with most of our personal items in storage.

Despite our living arrangements, we did benefit from being close to family. We enjoyed regular meals with Paula’s family, watched the blossoming romance of one nephew, attended the high school graduation of another nephew, and began a Mother’s Day tradition of enjoying brunch with a cousin’s family at a local restaurant. Also, Robert enjoyed fishing with his brothers.

Job Frustrations

Robert’s plan for a satisfying career as a rehabilitation engineer without the worries of private practice was also frustrated. It was a positive experience being part of Florida’s Rehabilitation Engineering technology team, but there were local staffing issues. His assistant lacked the aptitude, attitude, and application to get the job done. She worked a maximum of two hours a day and either did not talk to Robert at all or failed to follow his directions. As a result, the cases began to backlog.

Initially his boss characterized the problem as one of time and case management and a strong difference in work styles. Robert saw the difference as being one where he put out maximum effort and the assistant put out minimum effort. His boss refused to deal with the problem.

The job caused Robert extreme stress. He got many headaches and wanted to quit and have me get a job in a law firm. I reminded him of his promise to be the breadwinner and not to ask me to take the Florida bar exam. He reluctantly agreed to hang in there for a year. I was reminded of this Scripture:

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ∞ James 1:2-4, NIV

My plan to maintain expertise in disability discrimination law by writing for Thomson Reuters as a contractor was also torpedoed. Three Americans with Disabilities writing contracts were not proffered: (1) the monthly newsletter; (2) a replacement chapter; and (3) the second edition of a single volume textbook. Although contract work was available, it was unrelated to disability law and of no interest to me. This time God spoke to me through the prophet Isaiah:

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. . . .”

“I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. . . .” ∞ Isaiah 43:18-19, 48:17b, NIV

At the same time, I was learning lessons of humility and submission from studying 1 Peter in Bible Study Fellowship, an interdenominational Bible study. I struggled with God’s timing in revealing His plan for us, but learned that impatience was clear evidence of a lack of submission.

Uncertainty

I was further humbled by the need for breast biopsies on two lumps, one in each breast. In the two-week delay between discovery of the lumps and the biopsy results, I wondered if *this was it* for me. Robert’s idea of a joke was to ask if I still had life insurance—I was not amused. Thankfully, the lumps were cysts and not cancer.

In all the uncertainty of Robert’s job and our temporary living quarters, we alternated between two churches. Robert was unwilling to join either one until we bought a house. This sounded reasonable when we thought we would be in our own home by May 1998, but when our temporary status continued all year, we failed to get involved in either church. This stifled both our Christian fellowship and involvement in ministry.

To request a complimentary copy of the book in exchange for media coverage or a fair and honest book review, email angela@angela-muirvanetten.com.

M. AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

As a dual citizen of New Zealand and the United States, Angela qualified as a lawyer in both countries and served as national president of both Little People organizations. At three-feet-four-inches, Angela has twice been awarded LPA’s highest honor, the Kitchens Meritorious Service Award. Angela and Robert married in 1981 and currently live in Stuart, Florida, where they are active in church ministry.

In New Zealand, Angela practiced law for five years and, in the United States, she was admitted to the bar in Ohio and New York. She has worked as a writer and editor of law books for Thomson Reuters, a staff writer for the Christian Law Association, and a disability advocate for the Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.

Angela’s experiences are chronicled in a dwarfism trilogy: (1) *Dwarfs Don’t Live in Doll Houses* (April 1988) covers her life from birth to young adulthood as a single person; (2) *Pass Me Your Shoes* (October 2020) chronicles 35 years of her marriage; and (3) *Always an Advocate* (October 2021) discusses 38 years of LPA leadership and disability advocacy.

Dwarfism advocacy articles by Angela have published in the LPA magazine, LPA Today; in the HuffPost blog, October 19, 2011, https://www.huffpost.com/entry/dwarf-tossing_b_1020953, and in her weekly blog posts at <https://angelamuirvanetten.com/blog/>.

Angela has media and public speaking experience in local, regional, national, and international markets. TV icons such as Phil Donahue, Sally Jessy Raphael, and John Stossel all interviewed Angela during her mission to ban dwarf tossing as barroom entertainment.



N. SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS AND POTENTIAL ANSWERS

1. What is *Pass Me Your Shoes* about?

What happens when a marriage is complicated by dwarfism, dishonesty, different cultures and careers, disappointment, discord, and discrimination? As victims of betrayal, theft, fraud, embezzlement and unemployment, Robert and I moved from state to state looking for job stability and a place to put down roots. Through it all, God provided new opportunities, kept us close to loving family and friends, and grew us into a faithful couple who honored Him.

2. How did you meet your husband since you are from New Zealand and he is from the United States?

In 1981, the International Year of People with Disabilities, I came to the United States on a Winston Churchill Fellowship to study American laws protecting disability civil rights and public education programs designed to improve attitudes towards people with disabilities. LPA was 1 of 40 disability organizations on my appointment list and, as LPA President, Bobby Van Etten was the one to interview about LPA programs.

3. Was it love at first sight? And how long did you date before you got married?

No, it took two weeks. We were not officially dating since I was only in Washington, D.C. for one month. Bobby was more my host/tour guide than my boyfriend. Love took us both by surprise. We met on Saint Patrick's Day, got engaged on Mother's Day, and married on Halloween—all in the same year. However, after being engaged we were apart for five months when I returned to New Zealand to complete my fellowship obligations.

4. What motivated you to write *Pass Me Your Shoes*?

When I first met Robert, I had already begun writing a book called *Dwarfs Don't Live in Doll Houses*, a memoir of my early years mixed in with a discussion of issues affecting little people from the point of view of a single person. Even though the book was published seven years after I married Robert, I kept to the original plan and only wrote about being single. Because many people asked why our romance was not covered in *Dwarfs Don't Live in Doll Houses*, my typical response was, “Wait for book two.” As it turns out, it has been a long wait!

5. How would people benefit from reading *Pass Me Your Shoes*?

Readers will experience many emotions in this story. There is joy and laughter in our international love story. Fury and frustration will come with recurring accounts of betrayal and discrimination. Empathy will kick in for times of emotional, moral and physical struggles involving relationships and surgeries. Although our specific experiences may differ from readers, many will relate our experience to their own hardships and be challenged to stare them down with hope and confidence in God's strength, love, and mercy in all circumstances.

I pray that people will stop making excuses for failing to fulfill their God given purpose in life. People with dwarfism and other disabilities will benefit as they are portrayed as equal contributing members of both the church and society.

6. Does this book reach outside the dwarfism circle?

Nobody skates through life without suffering some kind of hardship—abuse, betrayal, cancer, divorce, environmental, financial, grief, health, incarceration, and so it goes through the alphabet. As a result, everyone can consider their own challenges when observing how we responded to one set-back after another. Whether the hardships are the same or different, all can appreciate the message of hope and love we offer in this book.

7. How do you explain the 32-year gap between your first and second book?

Initially I had to wait for our marriage story to unfold before there was even a story to tell. By 2004, there was plenty of material and I started a book outline. But book plans were sidelined for several more years when I ran for a national office in LPA and changed jobs a couple of times. I eventually got back into writing and completed a draft manuscript of book two in 2012. However, everything came to a halt again when I was diagnosed with severe aortic stenosis and required aortic valve replacement surgery. Although the surgery was a success, I could no longer juggle full time work, church and family duties with writing. So, book two was shelved until I retired in 2018.

8. I understand there is a third book in the works. Will this book take another 32 years before we see it?

Nope, only a one year gap this time. The third book—*ALWAYS AN ADVOCATE: Champions of Change for People with Dwarfism and Disabilities*—will publish in 2021. Book three is already written and only needs some tweaking and a professional edit before going to the publisher.

After beta reader input on *Pass Me Your Shoes*, I reluctantly agreed that the book was too long and had enough material for two books. Hence, book two became books two and three, thereby creating a trilogy. Book two covers our marriage story and book three focuses on advocacy.

9. What advice do you have for those who want to write a book?

Everyone has a story to tell, the question is whether you need 40 to 60 thousand words to tell it. I recommend starting with smaller pieces like articles and blog posts. Hone your craft before tackling an entire book. Seek and value feedback and editing of your writing. Consider how you will reach the people you want to read your work. Once the writing and editing is in the rearview mirror, you're only half way there. You still need a publisher and a marketing plan. These steps can be even harder than writing because they are out of your control.

10. Where can people get a copy of your books?

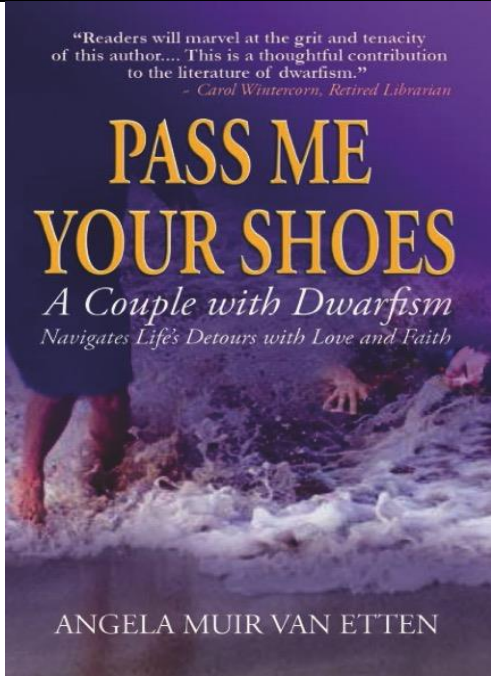
Pass Me Your Shoes released in October 2020 and is available at <https://Amazon.com/books>, Barnes and Noble, and Books a Million.

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**International Couple with Dwarfism Celebrate Book Release on
International Dwarfism Awareness Day**

STUART, FL, USA (October 25, 2020) – When Billy Barty founded Little People of America (LPA) in 1957, little did he know it would spawn dozens of LP organizations worldwide. As a result, his birthday on October 25th is recognized as International Dwarfism Awareness Day. In 2020, Angela Muir Van Etten joins the global celebration with the release of her book, *PASS ME YOUR SHOES: A Couple with Dwarfism Navigates Life’s Detours with Love and Faith*.

	<p>In 1981, when the President of Little People of New Zealand (LPNZ) traveled to the United States on a Winston Churchill Fellowship in the International Year of “Disabled Persons,” she never dreamed that five months later she would marry Bobby Van Etten, LPA’s President. Their union attracted international media attention for Bobby’s keynote address to LPNZ on United Nations Day and a UPI headline that paralleled their wedding to Prince Charles and Princess Dianna: “'Royalty' of Little People Exchange Wedding Vows.” The September issue of <i>LPA Today</i> reported, “The sun will never set on little people.”</p>
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After entering America as Bobby’s wife, Angela wrote, “In the first few years of our marriage, we often joked that Bobby and I got along so well because we were both aliens: he was from Jupiter and I was from New Zealand.”

Unlike their royal counterparts, the Van Etten’s marriage has lasted 35 years, but not without the challenges of dwarfism, different cultures and careers, dishonesty, discord, and discrimination. As victims of betrayal, theft, fraud, embezzlement and unemployment, for several years the couple moved from state to state looking for job stability and a place to put down roots. Through it all, God provided new opportunities, kept them together and close to loving family and friends.

No one skates through life without suffering some kind of hardship—abuse, betrayal, cancer, divorce, environmental, financial, grief, health, incarceration, and so it goes through the alphabet. As a result, people around the world, with or without a disability, will consider their own challenges when observing how this couple responded to one setback after another. Whether the hardships are the same or different, all can respond to the message of hope and love this book offers.

Pass Me Your Shoes released in October 2020 and sells for US\$14.99 at <https://Amazon.com/books>, Barnes and Noble, and Books a Million.

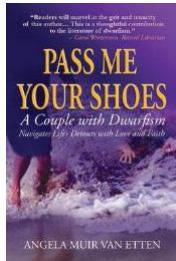

The second book in a trilogy, *Pass Me Your Shoes* is the sequel to *Dwarfs Don’t Live in Doll Houses* (1988) and in 2021 was followed by a third book— *ALWAYS AN ADVOCATE: Champions of Change for People with Dwarfism and Disabilities*.



Angela Muir Van Etten, a dual citizen of New Zealand and the United States, qualified as a lawyer in both countries and served as national president of both little people organizations. As a professional, Angela has written law books for lawyers and religious liberty articles for nonlawyers. Disability advocacy was her focus when employed by a center for independent living and volunteering for LPA. Citations to interviews with press in Australia, Canada, Germany, New Zealand and the United States are found in her Media Resume.

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<p>Title:</p> <p align="center">PASS ME YOUR SHOES: A Couple with Dwarfism Navigates Life’s Detours with Love and Faith</p> 	<p>Product Details:</p> <p>Genre: Autobiography, Memoir ISBN print: 9 780998 464862 ASIN e-book: B09KB1GNV8 Page Count: 180 Formats: Paperback and e-book Price: print \$14.99; e-book \$4.99 Release Date: October 2020 Retail: Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Books a Million</p>
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>What happens when a marriage is complicated by dwarfism, dishonesty, different cultures and careers, disappointment, discord, and discrimination? As victims of betrayal, theft, fraud, embezzlement and unemployment, the couple moved from state to state looking for job stability and a place to put down roots. Through it all, God provided new opportunities, kept them close to loving family and friends, and grew them into a faithful couple who honored Him.</p>	<p>Author:</p>  <p>Angela Muir Van Etten</p> <p>At 40 inches tall, Angela advocates for the civil rights of herself and others. A dual citizen of New Zealand and the United States, Angela was a lawyer in both countries and national president of both little people organizations. Angela has written law books for lawyers, religious liberty articles for nonlawyers, and disability articles for LPA Today and her weekly blog at https://angelamuirvanetten.com/blog.</p>
<p>Testimonials:</p> <p>Facing adversity is never easy but for those who do it with faith and courage, it can be transformative. Angela’s story is one of those. Full of relatable real-life stories, it reveals the capacity for a person with dwarfism to find a way forward, despite all odds in a fulfilling career, marriage, and life mission. Juliette Glasow</p> <p><i>Pass Me Your Shoes</i> reveals how a couple with dwarfism live their life with everyday struggles you never think about. Through the good times and bad, they learned to trust God. His plans are always better. Just love the grit and humor that is constantly displayed throughout and leaving you chuckling at times. ~ Brenda Bell</p>	



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by Angela Muir Van Etten