



## BOOK PRESS RELEASE

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Title: *Beyond the Pettus Bridge*

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“A young, white, Northern transplant—a newlywed, and new teacher—finds herself caught up in civil rights history in this engrossing novel by Trish Dolasinski. From the beginning, the author draws us into the Southern landscape with all of its charm and all of its ugliness. Dolasinski gives the reader a genuine heroine, Claire, who doesn’t move to Selma with an agenda to fight racial injustice. She’s not trying to fix anyone; she’s simply trying to do the right thing.” ~Dana Johnson

“An emotionally gripping story with twists and turns ...” ~Anita Bunkley, award-winning author of over 30 novels in the historical context from the Afro-centric perspective.

“...encouraging to know Southern white women worked to end racism in the south when it was a dangerous path to follow.” ~ Gloria Markette Ed. D., Assistant Professor Retired, Bethune Cookman University

“An effective story of the courage and sisterhood that helped blur stark racial lines in 1960s America.” ~ Jessica McCann, award-winning author of *All Different Kinds of Free* and *Peculiar Savage Beauty*

### DISCUSSION TOPICS/THEMES

1. Hope in teaching and learning
2. Finding sisterhood in core values
3. Newlyweds, new beginnings, new friends
4. Racial relationships in the Deep South in the late 1960s

### INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. You lived this story in 1969. How did the research enhance the authentic storyline?
2. Why is this story important today?
3. You began *Beyond the Pettus Bridge* ten years ago. What inspired you to complete and publish the novel?
4. What was the biggest challenge you had in writing *Beyond the Pettus Bridge*?

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Trish Dolasinski, Ed.D. is an author, freelance writer, editor, and assistant adjunct professor at Grand Canyon University. She is published in local and national magazines, has facilitated writer’s groups, and has been both a regular and guest book review columnist. A preschool through college teacher for over four decades, a retired school principal, and educational consultant, Dr. Trish excitedly offers her debut novel written from her personal experience as a Yankee newlywed and teacher in the Deep South in the late 1960s. She is married to her college sweetheart, Frank, and lives in Scottsdale. Dr. Trish has two adult children and eight grandchildren.

*Beyond the Pettus Bridge* is available on Amazon and Kindle.

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