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Nicole D. Collier, Ph.D.

Short Bio - 50 words

Nicole D. Collier, Ph.D. writes middle-grade novels that illuminate the challenges and rewards that come from learning to be true to yourself. She taught fourth grade before becoming an author and leadership coach. A self-proclaimed ever-victorious woman, Nicole runs, dances, and turns cartwheels on sunny days.



Long Bio - 150 words

Nicole D. Collier grew up in Atlanta, GA, the only child of an accountant and a public school librarian. After graduating from Atlanta Public Schools, she went on to Florida A&M University where she finished summa cum laude. She later earned an M.S. from Florida State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia.

After a career as a fourth grade teacher, she's now a change strategist and leadership coach at Personality Matters, an executive training and development firm.

Although Nicole writes for all ages, her first love is middle grade contemporary fiction. Young people are trying to discern who they are vs. who they want to be, and how to bridge the gap between the two. Nicole's stories are in that gap.

The Georgia peach has recently relocated to St. Petersburg, Florida with her husband, Phillip. A self-proclaimed ever-victorious woman, she's been known to run, dance, and turn cartwheels on sunny days.

She's the author of *Just Right Jillian* and *The Many Fortunes of Maya* (HarperCollins/Versify).