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Shorter Bio

Nicole D. Collier was born and raised just south of Atlanta, Georgia. She taught elementary school before going on to work with learners of all ages. Now an author and leadership coach, Nicole writes to help people mine the creativity, wisdom and courage for change. She's the author of *Just Right Jillian*, *The Many Fortunes of Maya*, and the forthcoming *Best Friend Bracelet* (HarperCollins).



Longer Bio

Nicole D. Collier grew up just south of Atlanta, GA, the only child of an accountant and a public school librarian.

She is a proud graduate of Florida A&M University (FAMU). She also earned an M.S. from Florida State University (FSU), and a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia (UGA).

She taught fourth grade before becoming an author and leadership coach. Her passion is helping people of all ages mine the creativity, wisdom and courage for change.

Nicole's writing illuminates the challenges and rewards that come from learning to be true to yourself. Her debut, *Just Right Jillian*, was nominated for several state book awards and best of lists. Her sophomore novel, *The Many Fortunes of Maya*, earned starred reviews from Kirkus and Publishers Weekly, and is a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection.

A self-proclaimed ever-victorious woman, Nicole has been known to run, dance, and turn cartwheels on sunny days. The empty-nester currently resides in St. Petersburg, Florida, with her husband, Phillip.