

Nancy M. Thurston Bio

Nancy Thurston's roots run deep in West Texas natural gas fields, yet she is committed to sustainable resources; she worked for fifteen years as a physical therapist but didn't fully land in her own body until middle age; she immersed herself in the past to learn to be present. In her writing, Nancy looks wide, digs deep and takes an old toothbrush to those nooks and crannies that are more easily ignored but when cleaned out, make a house sparkle.

In the early 1990s, Nancy expanded the boundaries of her work to include aligning her money with her heart. This led to an exploration of social justice, faith and a longing for cross-class conversations and relationships. For the last ten years through her work with three organizations dear to her heart— Be Present, Inc., Harvest Time and Community Wholeness Venture—Nancy has been committed to addressing issues of race, class and gender.

Never forgetting that her neighborhood is global, Nancy lives in Portland, Oregon, with her Texas childhood sweetheart, now husband, Howard. She has two adult children. *Big Topics at Midnight: A Texas Girl Wakes Up to Race, Class, Gender and Herself* is her first book. www.nancymthurston.com

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