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### BIOGRAPHY

## Eleanor Ramrath Garner

Author of

### ***ELEANOR'S STORY: An American Girl in Hitler's Germany***

ELEANOR RAMRATH GARNER was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 5, 1930. As an imaginative and friendly child, she was able to make and keep friends and to see the “positives” in life even in the worst circumstances. The very young Garner took to writing as soon as she was able to use a pen. Writing was her favorite subject in school and in later years she wrote articles, short stories, essays, and children's stories.

Garner attended Boston University where she received a degree in Business Administration and later pursued a career as a permissions editor for a textbook publisher. Now retired, Garner lives in San Diego, California with her husband, where she is an artist, writer, gardener, and guest speaker for several events throughout the year.

Garner has been happily married for 52 years. She has two sons, five grandchildren, two brothers, and a sister. She enjoys reading historical novels, biographies, memoirs, WWII literature, philosophy, poetry, and inspirational books. She also likes reading books by German women authors in the German language. Garner is an exhibiting artist, painting still-life pictures, portraits, and landscapes in oil. One of her paintings has won first place in a juried art show.

Garner enjoys being creative and expressive, she explains, “Not a day goes by that I don't write something: a thought, an insight, an idea, a meaningful quote I read, an observation and comments on our times, or simply a dialogue with my inner self.” She is inspired to write by ordinary things around her that reveal the extraordinary upon closer inspection. She gets ideas from what's happening in the world around her and from past experiences. Garner is a voracious reader on subjects of interest, and she gets a lot of researched information from using the Internet and by asking a lot of questions of informed individuals. She enjoys her schedule of writing in the morning, gardening in the afternoon, and painting in the evening. Garner has worked as a housewife, mother, secretary, assistant librarian in a research institute, social worker, editorial assistant, permissions editor, and grandmother. She hopes her books will help others, particularly the young, to gain insight into what she has learned, experienced, and gathered in wisdom over a lifetime of hard work.

During the process of writing her childhood memoir *Eleanor's Story*, Garner was finally able to bring the young girl, who had once been lost in the ashes of painful memories, back to her rightful place in her personality, and there by reconnecting her with her long lost authentic self.

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