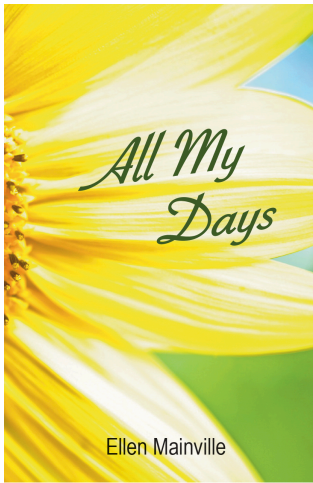


## Press Release: Malone Author Publishes First Book



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Local artist, writer and teacher, Ellen Mainville, has turned to her private journals - from a life lived in active conversation with her God - to produce this engaging book of Christian meditations. Each meditation marries timeless wisdom from the Bible with some insight into the one-day-at-a-time enterprise of faithful living. Ellen's fine poetry and charming colored-pencil illustrations are interspersed throughout.

### Excerpt

*There's a room in my house  
where dinosaurs walk  
big ones and small ones  
that giggle and squawk  
Chaos reigns in that room  
always in uproar  
romping and stomping  
that shakes every door  
but when lights are turned down  
and playfulness sleeps  
my heart sees two boys  
that innocence keeps  
How can it be that those  
reckless in daylight  
now seem so fragile  
so gentle and slight*



WHEN PLAYFULNESS SLEEPS

The softness of night and the innocence of sleep change everything. I look at the faces of my sleeping children and forgive them everything that went amiss in the reckless abandon of play. I see them as they are: fragile, transient, innocent...precious beyond words. The dark eyelashes sweeping round cheeks, lips delicate as rose petals, damp curls framing the face...my heart melts. I wish that I could wake them to say the "I love you" that was forgotten in the chaos of the day. But that moment is gone forever and my heart cries, "Please God, let me remember to say it tomorrow." ...

Ellen Mainville has worked for many years in public and private schools in Northern New York. Her art has been exhibited by Foothills Art Society (winning the "people's choice award" in the 2006 juried art show), North of the Adirondacks Artists Gallery,



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and at the Wilder Farm. Her poetry has won awards in the West Virginia Poetry Society annual competitions and been published several times in *Laurels*, their quarterly journal; and her collection *The House That Walks Into the Sea* won a special merit award in the 2011 Jessie Bryce Niles Chapbook Contest, sponsored by *The Comstock Review*. Ellen's husband, Mark, is an Associate Pastor of New Covenant Church in Malone, NY. The two have been married for more than thirty years and have two grown sons. Besides teaching, writing, and her art, Ellen also enjoys gardening, sewing, reading, and walks with her dog. She is an active leader in her church, especially in the areas of mentoring and teaching.

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