

# Elaine Koyama Writes



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Elaine Koyama grew up on a sheep, wheat and sugar beet farm in eastern Montana, the youngest of eight *sansei* (third-generation) Japanese American siblings, a cheerleader, shot putter and graduate of Stanford University. She spent 20 years at Cargill, 20 years running a technology consulting firm, and plans on spending the next 20 years writing.

Koyama's creative writing is included in the upcoming *A Farm Country Haying* by Gordon Fredrickson. She honed LET ME IN at the Loft Literary Center in Minneapolis, and is currently a member of several writers' groups and book clubs. She hosts **Retreat2Write Weekends** for writers and publishes a Retreat2Write Anthology. She writes a weekly blog, **Musings of an Ungeisha** and has also published her blog, *Solo Ski Sojourn* in book form.

Elaine is a versatile writer whose earliest recognition came in high school for a community writing award. She won an honorable mention in a creative writing contest as an undergrad at Stanford University, and as part of her business wrote content for websites, training and sales literature as well as created and edited legal documents. Cargill commissioned her to document personal management experiences during the purchase of Akzo Salt and she has been published in trade journals.

Elaine Koyama's latest venture took her on a solo 90-day ski adventure, driving 10,000 miles in her Ford F-150 4X4 crew cab across 13 states visiting 20 resorts and skiing over 300,000 vertical feet while listening to 13 audio books.

The mother of three adult children, Elaine, with her Yorkipoo, Kiba, now splits her time between Miltna and Minneapolis, Minnesota (though she considers Hardin, Montana home).

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