

BIOGRAPHY - ELLEN HEATH



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- After many moves, many career changes, and two marriages I have finally settled in Santa Fe, New Mexico. My job of the moment is a blog at www.celeryellen.com. Over the last ten years or so, I have published several books. Most recently was a novel called *The Inheritance*. Before that, was *The Red Wiggler Teaching Manual* on classroom activities using the composting worm to teach math, science, and language arts. My first effort was *Lizard Diary*, a memoir about an experience with shamanism.

- As for career changes, I started out as a high school English teacher in El Paso and then Boise, Idaho. That was followed by four years working in Washington, D.C., for several members of Congress and on the Senate Banking Committee staff. Next I moved to Houston to be the manager of government relations for Cooper Industries for four years. That was followed by three years as the public affairs manager of The Methodist Hospital, also in Houston. For 11 years I had my own freelance writing business.

- In Santa Fe I was one of the founders of a holistic clinic that subsequently failed, and

I volunteered in the elementary schools for five years, teaching a course based on my worm manual. (I developed an interest in worms as a result of the worm farm my sister had for several years in Estancia, New Mexico.)

My aspiration of the moment is to build readership for my blog, which addresses a very wide range of topics, much of the writing tinged by the rather “off-the-grid” attitude so characteristic of Santa Fe. I am very happy here in a city that is culturally rich and intellectually stimulating. My older sister, Ann, who also went to Burges, is retired from the Museum of Fine Arts in San Francisco. My brother, Wiley, (who went to Eastwood) is a veterinarian in Clint. My younger sister Kate (also an Eastwood graduate) lives 80 miles away in Estancia and has a career as a software consultant.