

Cathie Beck

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Award-winning author · Denver journalist

100 Word Bio

Cathie Beck is an award-winning author and Denver journalist. Her debut memoir, *Cheap Cabernet: A Friendship* (Hyperion), sold at auction after drawing interest from 27 publishers. It became a #1 Amazon Mover & Shaker and a five-time Denver Post bestseller and was a finalist for the Books for a Better Life Award. Her forthcoming memoir, *Holy Hustle: An East Side Indy Love Story*, traces a childhood spent moving through twelve houses before the age of seventeen. She's been a feature writer for the Denver Post, and a Rocky Mountain News books reviewer, and her work has appeared in the Los Angeles Times, Poets & Writers Magazine, and Glimmer Train Stories, among others. She lives in Denver, Colorado.

300 Word Bio

Cathie Beck writes memoir the way the best storytellers talk late at night: funny, unguarded, and then, without warning, devastating. Her debut, *Cheap Cabernet: A Friendship* (Hyperion Books), sold at auction after attracting offers from 27 publishers and 16 agents. On release it became a #1 Amazon Mover & Shaker, a five-time Denver Post bestseller, a Target Stores Emerging Author Selection, and the Midwest Booksellers Association's Best New Book. It was named a finalist for both the Books for

a Better Life Award and the Women's National Book Association Great Group Reads, and took first place in non-fiction from the Denver Women's Press Club.

Her forthcoming work returns to where she started. *Holy Hustle: An East Side Indy Love Story* chronicles a 1960s–70s Indianapolis childhood spent moving through twelve houses before the age of seventeen — a story of class, instability, resourcefulness and wild humor. Early readers, including a former Simon & Schuster editor, have called the work “the best thing I’ve read all year.” Critics place her alongside Mary Karr, Carrie Fisher and Patricia Lockwood for her candor, intellectual nerve and refusal to flatter herself on the page.

Alongside her books, Beck has spent decades as a working journalist, writing features, essays and cultural reporting for the Denver Post, the Los Angeles Times, the Colorado Business Journal and KUVO Jazz. She is a generous, quick-witted interview who is comfortable with hard subjects — poverty, family, class, friendship, survival — and equally comfortable making an audience laugh out loud on the way in. She lives in Denver, Colorado.

Topics to Get the Conversation Started

1. **12 Houses Before Age 17.** What a childhood of constant moving teaches you about home, class and belonging — and what it costs.
2. **How Humor Carries a Hard Story.** Is humor a defense mechanism or an avenue to storytelling? Can it be both?
3. **Writing About People You Love.** As writers, we owe ourselves authenticity and we owe those we love respect — and our love.
4. **First Book Selling.** How Book No. 1 (*Cheap Cabernet: A Friendship*) got unconventionally sold. How Book No. 2 (*Holy Hustle: An East Side Indy Love Story*) got similar treatment — and why.
5. **What To Do When You Feel Stuck.** Both in writing and selling, challenges happen. The trick is getting around them.

Books

Cheap Cabernet: A Friendship (Hyperion Books) — available now.

Holy Hustle: An East Side Indy Love Story — forthcoming.

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