

About the Authors

Terri Daniel and Danny Mandell



Terri Daniel began her career as an author and lecturer in 1990, when she published her first book, *POWER SHMOOZING: The New Etiquette for Social and Business Success*. The book touted a radical new approach to networking and replaced traditional notions of social etiquette with brazen, in-your-face strategies for creating deeper, more honest social and business connections.

Terri spent six years on the seminar circuit, conducting Power Shmoozing workshops for groups that encompassed every imaginable lifestyle and industry, from Fortune 500 CEOs to starving artists. She was a frequent guest on television and radio talk shows and was featured in hundreds of magazines and newspapers. Her follow up book, *When Good People Throw Bad Parties: A Guide to Party Politics for Hosts and Guests*, attracted a cult following of socialites and party planners, and kept her busy with media appearances, consulting and lecturing throughout the 1990s.

But by 1999, after a divorce and the diagnosis of her 9 year-old son Danny with a life-threatening illness, the trappings of the fast lane had lost their appeal and Terri headed for a lifestyle change. She immersed herself in metaphysical study and became ordained as a Spiritual Humanist minister. She supported herself and Danny as a marketing consultant, supplementing her income and exercising her public speaking skills with unconventional wedding ceremonies and other rites of passage. Ever the radical pioneer, Terri moved with Danny and her new husband to a small town on Alabama's Gulf coast in 2005, where she quickly became popular as a spiritual teacher, conducting classes and workshops on meditation, manifestation, divination and channeling.

Terri continues to facilitate metaphysical study groups and now works as an "11th Hour" hospice volunteer (supporting patients in the process of active dying). She also counsels bereaved parents throughout the U.S., offering alternative perspectives on disability, death and loss. She has spoken on the topic of conscious death to community groups, churches and at spiritual conferences, and her articles loss of a child and terminal illness have been published in *Whole Life Times*, *Neurology Today*, *Exceptional Parent*, *Special Child*, *Children's Hospice.org* and related websites.

Danny Snowden-Mandell was born in 1990 and adopted at birth by his mother Terri and his father Jim. As a young boy he loved Pokemon, swimming, skiing, fighter jets, Lego models and James Bond. Girls and women adored him, and he excelled at reading, storytelling and Nintendo until a hereditary metabolic disorder disease called Metachromatic Leukodystrophy took away his motor skills and his ability to speak.

Danny is smart, funny, spiritually advanced, remarkable human being who died at age 16. He was a teacher and guide to all who knew him, but the greatest gift of all was that he began speaking to his mother telepathically from the Other Side almost immediately after his death. *A Swan in Heaven* is the result of those conversations.



