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Texas Storyteller | Emotional Fiction • Small-Town Mysteries • Psychological Suspense

Where emotion, mystery, and human resilience collide.

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Who I Am

Ruby Sloane is an Arkansas-born, Texas-based author, publisher, and founder of Anilee Press. After more than three decades in accounting, finance, and executive leadership, she turned a lifelong love of storytelling into a second career as an author.

Her writing is shaped by a life rich with experience, resilience, reinvention, overcoming cancer, and an enduring fascination with the stories people carry with them. Anita Kotrlik, the woman behind Ruby Sloane, holds a Master of Arts in Human Services: Marriage and Family and has worked with children and adolescents as well as in corporate and executive leadership.

She lives in Texas with her husband, Lee, and their German Shepherd, Kilo.

“At the heart of every novel is the idea that people can survive more than they ever imagined.”



Featured Educational Resources

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FEATURED EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES



WHEN I WAS A DRAGON

Using the Safety of Fiction to Help Children Tell Their Stories

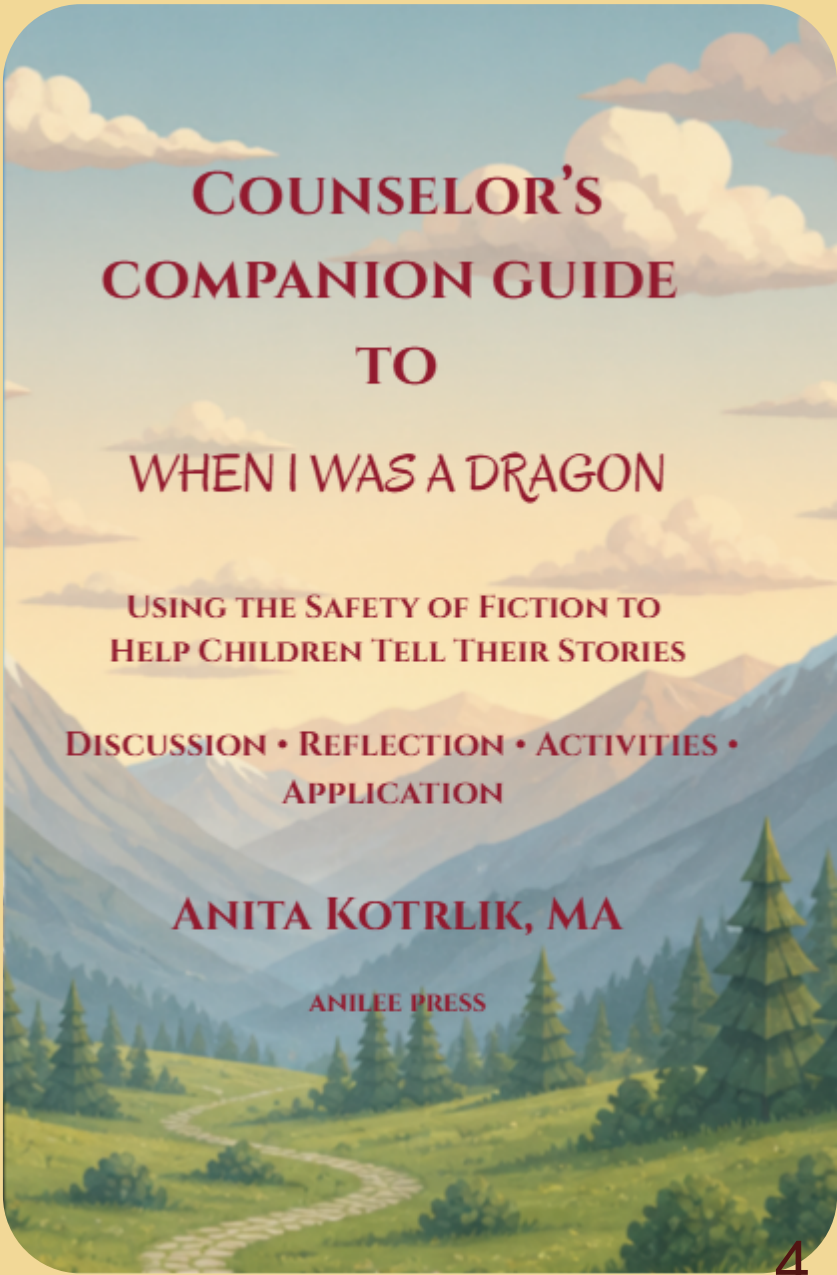
When I Was a Dragon uses fiction to create a safe distance between children and difficult real-life experiences—giving them another way to explore trauma, abuse, bullying, neglect, fear, grief, and other emotions or experiences they may struggle to discuss directly.

Created for use by the adults who support children, the book encourages conversation through story rather than asking a child to begin with their own experience.

COUNSELOR'S COMPANION GUIDE

The Counselor's Companion Guide to When I Was a Dragon extends the story beyond the novel with structured discussion prompts, activities, reflection opportunities, and practical applications for:
School Counselors • School Social Workers • Educators • Parents •
Child-Focused Professionals

Together, the novel and companion guide offer a story-based resource designed to help adults open conversations—and help children find the words to tell their own stories.



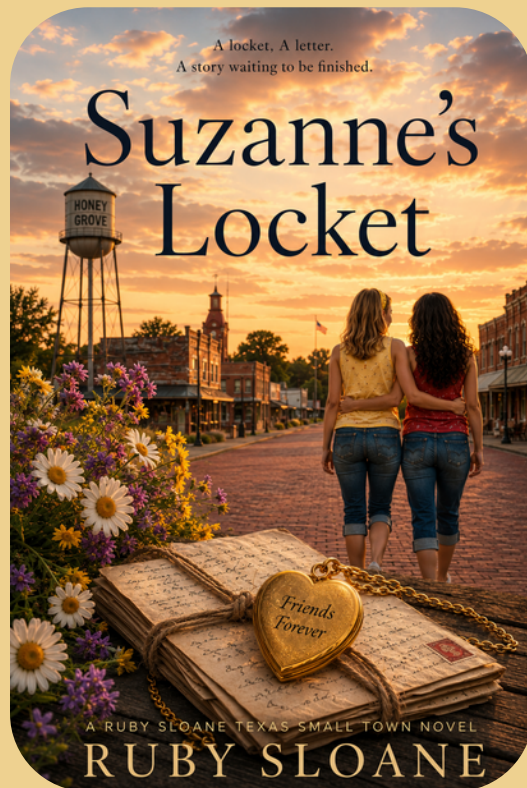
Texas Small Town Novels

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EMOTIONAL FICTION AND ROMANTIC MYSTERY

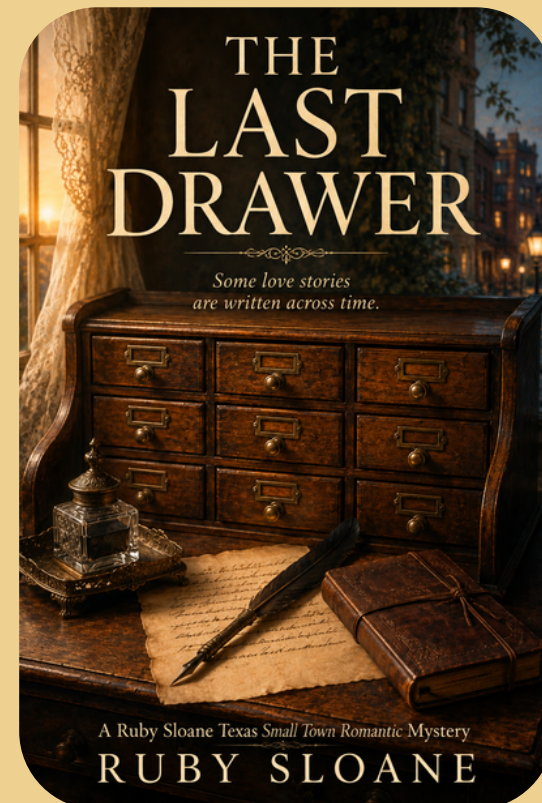
Inspired by Texas Communities & Hidden Histories

Real towns. Local history. Stories inspired by the people and places that make Texas communities unforgettable.
Boxset Coming Soon.



Suzanne's Locket

A heartfelt multi-generational story set in small-town Texas where the discovery of an old locket uncovers decades of heartbreak.



The Last Drawer

Some love stories are written across time, but they don't end when the last word is written.



The Widow's Land

Romance, mystery, and small-town suspense in a story about legacy, loyalty, and the secrets hidden beneath generations of silence.

Interview & Feature Topics

Ruby is available to speak, share her books, meet readers, and discuss literary, writing, creativity and personal background topics.

Suggested topics are listed to the right.

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PUBLIC SPEAKER, PODCASTS, INTERVIEWS

Personal Background

- Reinventing your career and yourself after life-changing illness
- How working with children influenced *When I Was a Dragon*
- Healing, resilience, and hope in fiction

Writing & Creativity

- Building emotionally authentic characters
- Writing across multiple genres
- The rise of independent publishing

Regional & Literary

- Texas small-town storytelling
- Preserving community history through fiction
- Why readers connect to emotionally grounded mysteries

Press Photos & Contacts

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Upcoming Projects

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Ruby's upcoming projects include two exciting series that further expand her emotionally grounded world of mystery, suspense, and Texas storytelling.

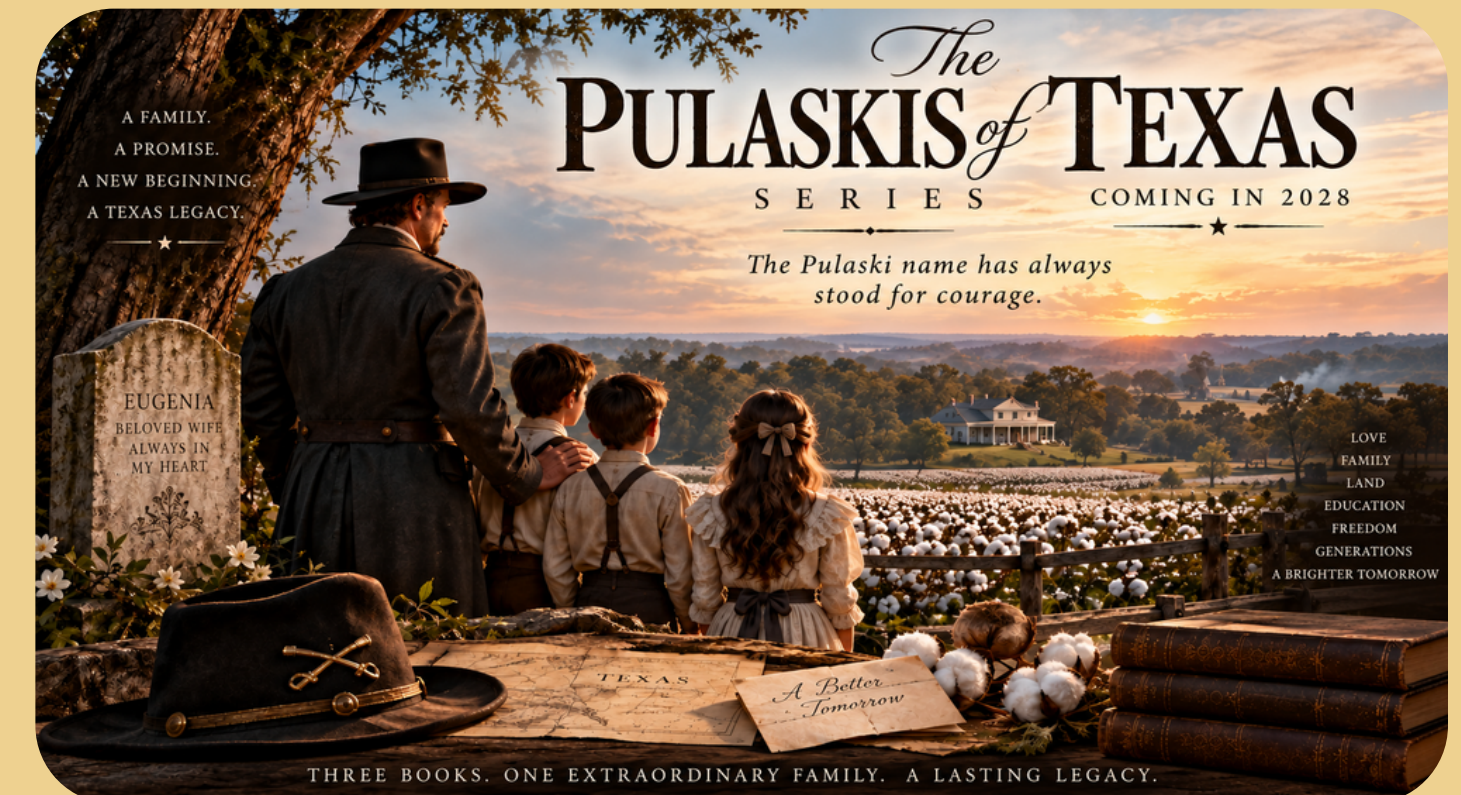
Leah Ellis FBI Case Files

A new West Texas FBI mystery series coming in 2027.



The Pulaskis of Texas

A Texas Family Legacy begins in 2028.



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