

## Local Writer Will Sign Books at Area Craft Shows

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**PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania. October 20, 2014**—Local writer [Jody Brown](#) will be signing copies of her first book, *Upside Down Kingdom*, at the Butler Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Fall Craft Show in Butler, Pennsylvania, on October 23 and 24, and at Faith Lutheran Church in Natrona Heights on Saturday, November 8. That same day, November 8, *Upside Down Kingdom* will be on sale at the Knoch High School Fall Craft Show in Saxonburg.

Brown's novel, *Upside Down Kingdom*, centers on a wry-humored young professional named Amy, who is working her first job out of college and moonlighting at a trendy Washington, D.C. restaurant before, during, and after the events of September 11, 2001. The author attributes her main character's good-natured and spunky disposition to the people of Pittsburgh. "Amy is a hard worker," Brown says. "She handles life with honesty, humor, and backbone. She's strong."

Brown graduated from Knoch High School and then from the University of Pittsburgh with a B.A. in Writing. After college, she moved to Washington, D.C. where she edited trade publications for lobbyists in an office near the White House. After five years in D.C., she moved to Rochester, Minnesota, where she wrote the book based on her D.C. experiences. The resulting book, *Upside Down Kingdom*, was published in 2012.

A year later, Brown received grant funding in Minnesota for her interview work with a WWII veteran. The interviews are the groundwork for another historical fiction novel that Brown will begin writing in January. "My friend Claire has had an amazing life, and I'm honored to write her story through fiction," says Brown. "Claire has truly seen and experienced the worst that mankind can do to man, and yet she has hope for us all. Through my interviews with her, I think I know why. And it's something that everyone can do."

Brown, who moved back to the Pittsburgh area in July this year, says she is looking forward to the fall season of craft shows. "The great thing about craft shows," she says, "is that you get to meet the artists themselves and ask questions about their work. Any money you spend supports a local artist and allows them to make more art."

More art is exactly what Brown has planned. "I've got a lot of writing projects on my plate," she says. "I'm currently writing a daily blog compilation on my website ([www.JodyBrown.com](http://www.JodyBrown.com)) that will be completed at the end of this year. In January, I start writing Claire's story. After that, I have an idea for a story set in Pittsburgh. And I'm writing very structured poetry—about zombies. Nobody ever said you had to write about flowers."

### Event Dates

October 24 & 25: Fall Craft Show at Butler Memorial Hospital, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

November 8: Faith Lutheran Church Bazaar in Natrona Heights, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the Knoch High School Fall Craft Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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