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### **Award-winning Horror Author's Newest Book Focuses On God and Love**

Elizabeth Massie is a Bram Stoker Award-winning author from Augusta County, Virginia, who has been creating scary fiction (Sineater, Hell Gate, Desper Hollow, more) since the 1980s. Yet, in what some might see as a bit of a paradox, she has long had a meaningful belief in God, a belief that compelled her to write her newest book, *On the Outside Looking Up: Seeking and Following God Beyond the Gates of Organized Religion* (Valley House Books, June 2016).

An increasing number of people have left established religions behind. Some embrace atheism or agnosticism while others a more “New Age” spiritual pathway. Then there are those who have discovered their own personal God-centered religions that speak deeply yet don’t necessarily match up to what they were taught within their houses of worship. These are the un-churched believers, whose understandings of the Divine are as significant as that of the churched. *On the Outside Looking Up* is part spiritual memoir, part musings on issues that religions tend to tackle, and part extended hand to un-churched believers to assure them they are not the only ones. Massie shares how the basic truth of God – that He Loves and it is His Will that we also love – is the Light that illuminates every topic and struggle we face and is available to all. *On the Outside Looking Up* invites un-churched, churched, and non-believers alike to give the word “religion” a break and encourages people to take on the profound task of finding commonalities and loving one another.

Acknowledging questions people might have regarding a horror author writing about a loving God, Massie says, “First: horror and religion have been closely linked for eons, as seen through many stories, myths, and legends. Second: Exploring the darkness doesn’t necessarily mean dismissing the light. Third: Few of us are so one-dimensional as to not be something beyond what is imagined by others.”

*On the Outside Looking Up* is available in print on Amazon.com and will be available for Kindle.