



Tina Hansen biography

I grew up in Idaho Falls, Idaho. It is a place where the wind never stops blowing and the snow could fall in any month of the year. It was a great place to grow up, but, due to the cold, I only go back for visits.

My husband and I came to Provo to attend Brigham Young University. We grew to love the area through our college years and never quite felt at home anywhere else, so we decided to live here permanently starting in 1993. There is no place else I would rather be.

My family is the best part of my life. My husband Michael is from Taber, Alberta, Canada. He grew up on a farm and lived a life very different than mine. We get along great, except when the U.S. plays Canada in Olympic Hockey. Michael works as an Engineering Geologist. We have three daughters and one son.

My hobbies vary from week to week. For example, I have started to attend Zumba classes, and I love every minute I spend exercising. A few weeks before that, I was completely engrossed in anything I could find on C. S. Lewis. Who knows what I will love in a few weeks? My interests that never change are a great desire to be at Disneyland with my family, a need to be informed of current events, and a love of children's literature.

My favorite things are just like my hobbies, they change from week to week. A few weeks ago I ate See's Chocolates with every meal, the kind with chocolate sprinkles on them. Right now, I have to have a gluten-free cupcake for every dessert. My favorite book is called *The River Between Us*, but I also love *Team of Rivals* about Abraham Lincoln and *Mornings on Horseback* about Theodore Roosevelt. I always love to read and watch C-Span on TV.

I graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in History and Secondary Education. I tried to find a teaching position but wasn't successful, so I went into sales and marketing. These professions were fun and exciting, but I always knew I would do something different. A few years ago, I decided I needed a change. I felt compelled to try teaching. I substituted in both high school and elementary, and I decided elementary was the place for me. The days I substituted at were the best workdays I had experienced in years. There were trials of course, but I looked forward to getting out of bed in the morning and getting to school. I am currently blessed to be a full time teacher at Freedom Academy. I have a Level 2 teaching license, and I have taught at Freedom Academy for eight wonderful, crazy years.