

Susan Pope bio:

Susan Pope's life has been shaped by growing up in the wild terrain of Alaska. Mountains, rivers, glaciers, oceans. These form the settings for her stories about family, nature, and the rapidly changing landscape of her homeland. In her memoir *Rivers and Ice*, she follows the threads that bind five generations of her family to Alaska. Yet, she also succumbs to the lure of faraway places—Africa, Bhutan, Peru, Ecuador, the desert Southwest.

Susan earned a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Washington, a master's degree in counseling psychology from the University of Alaska Anchorage, and a Ph.D. in human and organization development from the Fielding Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara. She finds joy in books, writing, exploring wild places near and far from home, and spending time with family and friends. She lives with her husband Jim in Anchorage, Alaska.

Her work has appeared in *Pilgrimage*, *Under the Sun*, *The Southeast Review Online*, *Cirque: A Literary Journal of the Pacific Rim*, *Hippocampus*, *Under the Gum Tree*, *Burrow Press Review*, *BioStories*, *Alaska Magazine*, *Deep Wild*, *HerStry*, *Canary*, and *Burningword Literary Review*, among others. Her essay "Canyon" was nominated for a Pushcart Prize by *Bluestem Literary Journal*.