Author Bio
Dawn Batterbee Miller hails from Mancelona, Michigan. Suffering the loss of her mother to tuberculosis, she lived with twelve different families by age nine. She married early and dropped out of school but eventually received her GED, went to college, and received a Bachelor’s and two Master’s Degrees. Ms Miller reared five children and worked as an elementary and middle school teacher in Mason, Michigan for twenty-four years. She has authored God’s Family Tree, published by Church Growth Institute, and numerous articles in well-known Christian periodicals. Augmenting her research on the lore of the lumberjack, she incorporated true accounts of life in the deep woods as told to her by her grandfather and aunt who published a newspaper column about early settlers and this difficult line of work.

Book Recap
After great personal hardship Katherine Bains finds happiness in her marriage to Frank McLean until fire destroys their home and takes the life of their infant son. Katherine, Frank, and their two daughters must start over in lumberjack territory. She had abandoned faith in a God who would allow such devastation but when catastrophe strikes again, she discovers she has never been alone. God’s mercy is near, and help comes in unexpected ways.

Interview Questions:

1. Why set this book in a late nineteenth century lumber camp?
2. What are your qualifications to write this book?
3. Does Katherine’s personality reflect any of your own attitudes, hopes, and aspirations?
4. Why have you placed a woman in those surroundings?
5. Is our perception of the brawling and lurid behavior of the 1800s lumberjack correct?
6. What would you have liked to include in the book that didn’t work out?
7. Is it a fact that early lumberjacks ravaged the pristine forest of early America, and why glorify such an industry?
8. How have the lumber camps of early years impacted today’s lumber industry?
9. What has your book to say to a world in turmoil?
10. What hope can you give for young people who live in a treacherous world that seems headed for disaster?