

Thorn & Vine

A Blog and
YouTube Channel
for Teens, Tweens
and Parents

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About Elizabeth

Elizabeth has really lived a life with diamonds, wildfires, and miracles. The gemologist, fantasy writer, and resilience expert has held a modern-day Faberge egg, played with pink diamonds, and spoken to hundreds of people about adventures with heart. Now she winds her tales of wondrous gems and destructive loss into fantastic fantasy for the next generation and beyond. But it's not all sparkle. Elizabeth has found gems of true meaning as a wildfire survivor who lost every possession. Determined to thrive, rather than just get by, her creative eye and stories of survival help others to rise above circumstances and begin meaningful life changes. She also speaks, hosts classes, and blogs for adults and kids about how to live a resilient life.



The Style

Thorn & Vine features gorgeous gems, historical mysteries, and event reviews for kids and adults. Whether beautiful gem and mineral exhibits, a teen book festival, Disneyland events, or special outings, we'll cover it in a new way. Interviews with prominent writers, celebrities, and persons of interest spur kids and adults alike to view life with insights. Inspirational style icons like Audrey Hepburn and Grace Kelly bring a smile along the way too.

For adults, there are resources for new beginnings and ideas to help friends in need. And uplifting moments with points of beauty. Each month, we feature fiction authors with resilient characters on the site. And check out our video interviews with best-selling and up-and-coming fiction authors and trend-setters bringing the latest in inspiring and adventurous tales to lift your heart and mind.

For More Information

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Adventurous specials on YouTube



Products seen on TV

The Thorns and Vines

Resilience is more than a hallmark, it's a lens through which I strive to learn and grow in life's challenges.

I know what it's like to experience pain that strikes like a deep, penetrating thorn and to emerge stronger. As a wildfire survivor and having dealt with key family medical emergencies, I've felt the sting of losing everything physical, and had to overcome setbacks for myself and those I love. I've uncovered gems of the

heart that can shorten your path through pain and difficulties in life.

Where the thorns are life's challenges, the vines are the things that support us and help us prevail. Whether it's insights from my life experiences or other experts, we'll have quarterly specials on topics like bullying, dealing with liars, friends vs. frenemies, loss, and

other things to make you stronger. We'll showcase products that provide helpful solutions and amazing overcomers of life's obstacles. Beauty is a big part of being resilient, too, so there will be resources for having more from the inside, out.

Book Reviews That Encourage Resilience



Best-selling author Debbie Macomber

Thorn & Vine will showcase great fiction that has exceptional characters who rise above challenges, capture inspiring themes and ideas that uplift us, and stories that are fun for tweens, teens, and adults. Whether a lightning-fast paced dystopian, sweet but inventive light romance, fantasy with fantastic locations and drama, or authors that bring resilience to the heart, the books here will inspire you to stop looking in the rear view mirror, and, instead, reach forward to a refreshed and adventurous outlook.