

ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ARTIST

The Artist's Journey

Marcia Shaver



Frequently moving throughout Oregon as a child, Marcia Shaver developed an outgoing personality, an appreciation for different environments and the ability to feel comfortable in any situation—the perfect background for traveling.

Her family spent every vacation and summer on their ranches in northeastern Oregon, tending to farm activities, working the cattle, and riding the wide-open range. As a result, the land is often the subject of Marcia's art. Whether she's using pen and ink, watercolor, acrylic, or oil, her bold use of color reflects her cheerful and upbeat nature. Regardless of the medium, her strong sense of the graphic keeps her art grounded. Her unique interpretive application brings out a spiritual connection that is also present in her writing.

Even before her pilgrimage, writing was important to Marcia. For years, she used journaling to sort out sad or confusing experiences to find clarifications, greater peace and serenity. Now everyone has access to her deep and personal discovery along the Camino, in *The Artist's Journey*.

Marcia married her husband, Craig Shaver, when she was eighteen. They have a son, Justin, and live in Redmond, Washington.

Marcia earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oregon in art education, with masters and travel studies in Europe and Asia. More recently she attended the Gage Academy of Art in Seattle, graduating from the landscape atelier immersion program. She taught art at the high school level and now instructs adults within the art community.

Her prints and original paintings are featured in private and corporate collections internationally. As past president, she continues her twenty-plus years of active involvement in the Eastside Association of Fine Arts, an organization that supports artists at all levels of development.