

Carrie Anne Tocci, PhD



Dr. Carrie Anne Tocci, with decades of expertise in creative writing and literacy education, guides your unique journey.

School aged? I can coach and support you through English and history assignments, essay writing, creative writing, and the college application process.

Newer to English? We can strengthen skills in speaking, listening, reading, and/or writing.

Stories to unearth? We can find words for untold stories.

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🍎 NYS certifications

📖 Researcher · Writer · PhD · MFA

🍎 English Language Arts

7-12

- Homework help humanities
- Research support
- College essays

🍎 Students with Disabilities

7-12

- Executive functioning
- Frustration tolerance
- Self-regulation

🍎 Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

K-12

- Multilingual learner support in K-12, post-secondary, and business settings.
- All ages.

Adoptee Writers

- Join me to navigate identity, memory, and reclaiming our narrative(s)!
- All ages.

Ask me about restorative writing groups.



Teaching Philosophy

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Published Poetry



Dr. Tocci's recent poetry explores identity, grief, and belonging, appearing in distinguished literary journals and anthologies.

- "What Stage of Grief?" *Letting Grief Speak: Writing Portals for Life After Loss*

Edited by Diane Zinna, Columbia University Press (2026)

[preorder](#)

- "[Air Adoptee](#)" in *Adoptee Voices* (2024)

Anthology of adoptee narratives

Published Prose



Recent essays and creative nonfiction on adoption, identity, and Italian American heritage.

2025

"[Sent Back](#)" – *Severance Magazine*

"[Adoptee Assignment](#)" – *The Bangalore Review*

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2024

"[Aristeo's Pocket](#)" – *Adoptee Voices*

"[Sauce and Musk](#)" – *Adoptee Voices*

Education

PhD Contemporary Learning, 2022

Fordham University

Specialization: Literacy

Research topic: Motivation

Dissertation

Striving Sixth Grade Readers: Expectancy-Value, Attitudes, Preferences, and Engagement

MFA Creative Nonfiction, 2009

Georgia College • Thesis: *Hey, Carrie Anne: an adoptee's romance with names*

Teaching Fellow

Alumni Association Scholarship recipient

Academy of American Poetry Honorable Mention

Presidential Award for Service, Katrina Cleanup

EdM English Education, 2005

Teachers College, Columbia University • Mentored student teachers

Jaffe Merit Scholarship recipient

MA English/Poetry, 1998

City College of New York • Thesis: *Word Fall: Practice and Performance*

Academy of American Poetry Award

Malinche Translation Prize

BA Urban Studies, 1992

Fordham University • Theology minor • Peace & Justice Studies Certificate

Claver Award for Service

President's Award for Service