

Dunwoody native pens first book

Wednesday, July 15, 2009 10:32 AM EDT

By Jim Stevens

For The Crier

Dunwoody resident Pamela Bailey has been on a search to determine what events in the past have led to the present-day perception of reality, and how this affects the concept of eternity. Bailey assumes that most people base their concepts of life and eternity on the beliefs of their ancestors, and suggests that current events and circumstances may be more important. To expand her beliefs, Bailey has written and self-published a slim, 99-page novel that creates a "what- if" look at a disturbed woman's life.

Shades of Gray-Who I Am features character Asha Day, a woman struggling with mental illness that causes daily confusion about what is and isn't real in her world. She leaves her job to return to her childhood home, suspects people of watching her, poisoning her food and other paranoid delusions. Along the way she encounters many others who help or hinder her as she tries to discover the true meaning of her life.

Pamela Bailey earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Georgia Tech, and an MBA with a specialization in international studies from Oklahoma State University. Until recently, her writing experience has been limited to technical matters she encountered in her corporate career. She is currently a manager with a major mattress company in Atlanta.

"In the past," Bailey said, "I never read fiction, never read novels, so I had to learn to write fiction. I did this by reading a lot. It was a new experience that began when I was downsized from my oil company job in 1996. I decided to find out what I wanted to do when I grew up."

Bailey decided to go directly to a self-publishing company rather than seek an agent and a contract with a major publisher.

"I knew what I wanted to do, and I didn't want to waste time going through the usual process. My plan is to write seven novels, like the one I just did, and market them through my own company," she said. "I'm not concerned about sales figures now. I think that will come when my books start getting attention and a buzz is created. For me, the glass is always half full."

Bailey has created her own website www.fadingintoreality.com for her new venture, Fading into Reality Publishing, LLC.

"One of the major goals with Pamela E. Bailey's fictional work," her website stated "is to entice the reader to think. She wants people to begin to choose in the moment and to totally understand the consequences of their choices in that moment of choosing. She asks readers to question their beliefs and understanding of reality, truth, eternity and the power of choice. Through character Asha Day who lives in the end of days, readers can learn the consequences of her actions and examine their lives for similar consequences. Pamela wants everyone to understand that there is nothing more powerful than their power of choice."

The novel is available at www.Xlibris.com. or by calling 888 795-7876.