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Kristy Woodson Harvey '07

Carolina alumna Kristy Woodson Harvey '07 has found what many people spend their entire lives searching for: “That real sense of community and belonging when you find the place you’re supposed to be.”

She’s referring to Beaufort, North Carolina, the picturesque, coastal Southern town that she, her husband Will Harvey '98, '06 (DDS) — also a Carolina alumnus — and son call home. The place inspires her work as an author of, as she puts it, “Southern family drama.”

“I love to write about the small-town South,” she shared. “Quirky characters and communities come together and bolster each other, and everyone knows everybody’s business for better or worse.”

Kristy has published 10 novels since 2015, with the 11th — *A Happier Life* — coming in June 2024. Her *New York Times* best-selling Peachtree Bluff series is in production for television with NBCUniversal.



Kristy’s love for storytelling was ignited at UNC-Chapel Hill. The transition from journalism to fiction wasn’t immediate, but the creative writing classes at Carolina, particularly under the guidance of professors like Daniel Wallace and Ruth Moose, played a crucial role in shaping her narrative style.

Her rich history with Carolina spans generations, creating a strong family tradition that included attending every football game and a lot of basketball games. She’s building on that tradition through her involvement with the Friends of the Library Board of Directors and the Carolina Women’s Leadership Council.

“Carolina is a place that will always have my heart and is really special to me,” she said. “To have the opportunity to be more involved in the University and to be able to give back in a larger way is exciting. I love hearing from students and faculty about what’s going on at the University. I’m in awe of all the incredible things happening.”

Scan the QR code to learn more about Kristy’s journey as a writer and passion for Carolina.



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