



DANIELLE D. SMITH

Award Winning Author and Filmmaker | Instructor at Ohio Media School | Founder of Movement, Don't Be Quiet | Speaker | Advocate

Danielle D. Smith has striven for years to give her all in every event of her life while enduring the hurt and pain of abuse, physical and mental as well as rejection from her parents and family. All of this first gave her a reason for a pity party and later it became her strength, her reason "why". She used God's help to prove the doubters wrong and is now striving and excelling, as a mother of a beautiful daughter. She is

now taking on the new task of being an author. The release of her first eBook and paperback, *Yesterday's Tomorrow* was released in December 2016, under the pen name Danielle Seck.

Yesterday's Tomorrow, a first-hand account of her own suffering of abuse as a child. After finding the courage to speak out about the pain she endured, Danielle is now using her experience to inspire others to do the same. Her passion for child advocacy led her to volunteer with Franklin County Children Services. In November 2016, she was sworn in as a Guardian Ad Litem with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). CASA was a safe haven for her as a child when she was removed from her home because of abuse and neglect. She is "for the child" and is excited to volunteer her time and be a voice for a child.

Danielle is the founder of "Don't Be Quiet", a movement with a mission to help victims of child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, sexual assault, and suicide. In July 2019, she released a Short Film by the same name that gives a visual account of her book and walks you through the challenge of going from victim to victor! She is a passionate speaker that brings people together through shared experiences, taking away the struggle of beginning the healing process alone.

In the summer of 2019, Danielle began a Writer's Club in Ohio and then in winter of 2019 she began offering classes online teaching the art of storytelling. She has shared her expertise of writing, publishing and turning a book into a film in cities across the country.

- ❖ 2018 recipient of Author of the Year from, Act Like an Author, Think Like a Business
- ❖ Official Selection at the Tylerman Film Festival
- ❖ Won Catalyst for Change award at the GloryReelz Christian Film Fest and Writer's Lab
- ❖ Official Selection of book at the GloryReelz Christian Film Fest and Writer's Lab
- ❖ 2019 Nomination for Community Service at the Social Justice Awards
- ❖ 2019 Nomination for Best Group Performance and Best Drama Performance at the Kingdom Image Awards 2019
- ❖ Nominated for Author of the Year, Best Group Performance, and Best Drama Performance at the Kingdom Image Awards 2020