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***Outskirts Press announces My Piano Hands, the latest highly-anticipated biography & autobiography / composers & musicians book from Los Alamitos, CA author Kathryn Atkins.***

**July 26, 2021. Denver, CO and Los Alamitos, CA** - Outskirts Press, Inc. has published *My Piano Hands: A Flash Memoir Collection* by Kathryn Atkins, which is the author's most recent book to date. The 6 x 9 black & white paperback in the biography & autobiography / composers & musicians category is available worldwide on book retailer websites such as Amazon and Barnes & Noble for a suggested retail price of \$14.95. The webpage at [www.outskirtspress.com/mypianohands](http://www.outskirtspress.com/mypianohands) was launched simultaneously with the book's publication.

## About the Book (Excerpts & Info)

The stories, poems, and musical piece in *My Piano Hands* share the author's journey to understand why she was born able to play piano by ear. Given up for adoption as a baby, the writer grew up searching for answers and wondering whether something was expected in return for her undeserved talent. This touching flash-memoir collection takes her reader through a life bridging a 1950s childhood and COVID-19 adulthood with themes paired wistfully, but mostly irreverently and philosophically with things like tuna fish sandwiches, a Parisian summer, and an impractical old white sofa that knows all and reveals nothing.

The journey is arranged in 'octave' chapters and ends with an original musical composition, "Coronavirus." The book's title comes from the author's poem "Piano Hands," published in the 111-year-old California Writers Club's West Winds Centennial ©2010.

Praise for *My Piano Hands*

"... *My Piano Hands* is delightful. Sometimes playful, sometimes stoic, sometimes achingly sad, this is a book to read in one afternoon." ~ PJ Colando, author of the multiple award-winning series *Faith, Family, Frenzy!*

"This beautifully written flash memoir moved me from joy to melancholy to gratitude for a life well lived." ~ Maddie Margarita, writer and host of *Character Floss Podcast & LitUP OC*

Defly constructed at 96 pages, *My Piano Hands: A Flash Memoir Collection* is being aggressively promoted to appropriate markets with a focus on the biography & autobiography / composers & musicians category. With U.S. wholesale distribution through **Ingram** and **Baker & Taylor**, and pervasive online availability through **Amazon**, **Barnes & Noble** and elsewhere, *My Piano Hands* meets consumer demand through both retail and library markets with a suggested retail price of \$14.95.

Additionally, *My Piano Hands* can be ordered by retailers or wholesalers for the maximum trade discount price set by the author in quantities of ten or more from the Outskirts Press Direct bookstore at [www.outskirtspress.com/bookstore](http://www.outskirtspress.com/bookstore)

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