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## Author Biography



Leslie Albrecht Huber is an award-winning freelance writer and speaker. She has written nearly one hundred articles that have appeared in over twenty different publications including magazines such as *The History Channel Magazine*, *FamilyFun*, *Family Chronicle*, *Ancestry*, *Family Tree Magazine*, *American Spirit*, *Family History Magazine*, *The Ensign* and scholarly journals such as *The Swedish-American Historical Quarterly* and *The Journal of Mormon History*. Her articles and essays have won first place in both of the only two national family history writing contests.



Leslie attended Brigham Young University where she received a Bachelor's degree in History. She worked as a professional genealogist, tracing German families, both for a large company and through her own business. She later attended the University of Wisconsin, earning a Master's of Public Affairs.

Leslie has given dozens of lectures to genealogy and history groups throughout New England and beyond. She has spoken to local, state, regional, and national audiences at conferences such as the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference (in PA), the Association of Professional Genealogists' Professional Management Conference (in TN), the National Palatines to America Conference (in NY), the New England Regional Genealogical Conference (in NH), and the Ohio Genealogical Society Conference.

*The Journey Takers* has been her project-in-the-making for nearly ten years. The book represents thousands of hours of research in libraries and archives across the country and the world. Leslie visited her ancestors' hometowns in Germany, Sweden, and England, and followed in their footsteps across the Oregon Trail to Utah.

Leslie lives with her husband and four children in western Massachusetts. When she's not typing at her computer or trying to decipher the handwriting in old documents, she loves reading tour books, studying maps, and planning her next journey. In 2010, she'll visit twenty-six states – most during her drive across the country from Massachusetts to California and back to lecture on *The Journey Takers* and sign books. And she'll have four children in tow (ages 9 months to 10 years) the whole time!

For more information on the book or on tracing immigrant ancestors, visit her website at: [www.understandingyourancestors.com](http://www.understandingyourancestors.com) or: [www.thejourneytakers.com](http://www.thejourneytakers.com).