

Kerri Devine

AWARD-WINNING ESSAYIST

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Kerri Devine is an award-winning essayist, public speaker, producer and community builder who brings her lifelong talent for purposeful expression to the national conversation on midlife.

After decades as a Fortune 500 marketing executive, ghostwriter, and crisis manager, Kerri faced her own midlife mental health crisis without a script. In response, she built a multi-dimensional platform, *Hot in Charleston*, to help women feel seen and supported in their midlife journey. Inspired by the phrase 'you tell me your story and somehow I get mine,' Kerri created *Midlife Monologues* in 2023 to harness the power of storytelling as medicine for women's lives. Kerri elevated the series in 2025 to a blockbuster theatrical event featuring a starry cast of award-winning authors, actors, singers, and artists—reaching 1,000 women across generations in the US and abroad. Critics call it *powerful, unforgettable and pure joy*.

As a public speaker at events and in the media, Kerri focuses on the profoundly heartbreaking and sustaining times of transition that define women's shared humanity, inspiring them to redefine their identity after decades of putting others first. She believes acknowledging midlife in all its aching beauty, with its ruptures and potential for re-birth, is an essential part of this personal and cultural shift.

In many ways, Kerri's work is a natural extension of her career helping companies, nonprofits and their leaders discover their voice and deepen their connection with others. As a Wall Street exec, she responded to many

crises, none more profound than helping build a communications strategy to coalesce a global family of employees and clients in the wake of 9/11. Although she has 'ghosted' for former presidents, CEOs, philanthropists, and other figures, her creative, midlife mission makes her most proud. Prize-winning writer Rebecca McClanahan said of her work: "Kerri will not only charm and entertain you, she will help you discover yourself right alongside her."

Kerri holds an MFA from Queens University and has received two nonfiction awards from Southern literary groups. She was chosen by Kelly Corrigan to appear in the anthology *Nothing but the Truth So Help Me God: 73 Women on Life's Transitions*. An Advocate for Menopause Mandate US Kerri co-authored an op-ed with its cochair, Naomi Watts, "Our Menopause Story" about the national mandate to support women's health in midlife.

Kerri will be a producer in a new national staging of *Midlife Monologues* currently under development, with an extensive creative team led by actor and director, Constance Zimmer, documentary filmmaker, Abby Epstein and Broadway producer, Betsy Dollinger. Together with this community and her own work, Kerri has had an important influence in amplifying midlife stories into a national movement. Her newest show, *Pass the Mic for Perimenopause*, targets the next generation of women. She lives in NYC and Charleston, and is currently working on a memoir in essay about her experience.

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