



Lillie Leonardi

Author | Lecturer | Literary Promoter

After 25 years in law enforcement, Lillie Leonardi decided to pursue her lifetime passion for writing.

In 2013, Lillie shared her experience as a responder on 9/11 in her first non-fiction book published by Hay House (*In the Shadow of a Badge*) which sold over 30,000 copies globally. With her second release in 2016, Lillie shared her life-long spiritual journey in, *The White Light of Grace: Reflections on the Life of a Spiritual Intuitive*. With her eldest grandchild, Lillie self-published the eBook, *Before I Go* through Amazon Kindle Publishing in 2016.

Founded in 2015, Lillie created *Passages & Prose* to support reading, writing, and literacy in Pittsburgh and its surrounding communities. Offering arts and literacy programming through events, partnerships, collaborations, and workshops, *Passages & Prose* provides published authors the opportunity to share their literary works with others. The endeavor culminates each October with *Passages & Prose: A Gathering of Authors and Their Books*, Pittsburgh's largest literary event (www.passagesandprose.com).

From 1998 to 2010, Lillie was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Pittsburgh Division as its Community Outreach Specialist and under the auspice of the United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Pennsylvania where she served with a prestigious group of instructors.

On September 11, 2001 and in the post days of recovery, Lillie was utilized by the FBI to address law enforcement, government, and social service agency representatives assisting with evidence recovery and preparations for two memorial services at the Flight 93 crash site. She not only served as primary liaison to the United Airlines Humanitarian Response Team—presenting at daily briefings and interacting with surviving family members—but also escorted families to the crash site for the memorial services.

Prior to her career with the FBI, Lillie worked as the lead law enforcement officer on two college campuses in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1984, she was appointed to serve as the first female police officer with the City of Arnold, Pennsylvania. A regular contributor to *The Huffington Post* and *Heal Your Life* digital publications, Lillie was a 2016 honoree at the Women of Achievement Awards, an annual event hosted with the non-profit Cribs For Kids®.

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