

Shannon Ishizaki Biography



Shannon Ishizaki earned a bachelor's degree in Special Education with a focus in Sign Language Interpreting from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee in 2004. After graduating, Ishizaki held a variety of careers, including being an administrative assistant for Agape Community Center, an in-home elderly caregiver, a sign language interpreter, and an operations manager for a publishing company. It was at that publishing company that she found her passion for helping people bring their stories to life. In 2010, while she was a stay-at-home mom with her newborn daughter, she took the leap of faith and started her own publishing company. Ten years later, she

now manages five employees and dozens of freelance artists, and has an office located off South Street in downtown Waukesha. The office is home to her two publishing companies: Orange Hat Publishing and Ten16 Press. You can learn more about the publishing houses at:

orangehatpublishing.com and ten16press.com