



Tara Darlene Smith

Veteran: Army 2002-2006

Writer

About the Art: Tara Darlene Smith feeds her soul by writing and reading creative nonfiction. She hopes to move **ever closer to her truth** one word at a time.

About the Artist: Tara studied creative writing in California and Colorado, earning her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees. Tara believes that **where she writes is as important** as what she writes about, and most recently moved to the captivating **west coast of Ireland to work**. Her steadfast companion, a golden retriever named **Sophie Pants**, joined her along the Wild Atlantic Way.

Artist's Experience: "I love the sea, traditional Irish music, and **building community through storytelling**; all of this collides in the most fantastic ways in County Clare. I continue to craft my memoir, and am fueled by **caffeine, fierce optimism, and dog snuggles.**"

