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LOCAL AUTHOR SETS BOOK IN RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD  
*Feisty Family Values* Scheduled To Be Released February 17, 2010

“...*Feisty Family Values*,” will make you laugh out loud, but is also a book that will make you think. It should make you grateful for what you have and hopeful for whatever you are still wishing for, and above all, it should make you grateful for your family and friends and all that they give you on a continuous basis.” (*Reader Views*)

“Every woman should get a copy of *Feisty Family Values*, cuddle up on her favorite chair, and enjoy the ride.” (*Feathered Quill*)

The orderly life of successful artist and regal widow, Regina Morgan-Smith, abruptly changes with the arrival of her frumpy cousin, Annabelle--and not for the better. Homeless and covered in bruises, Annabelle requires more attention than Regina's willing to give. However, family ties are strong, and Regina takes Annabelle into her home in the once opulent Riverside area of Wichita, Kansas.

Finding refuge in cigarettes Regina begins to hear her dead mother's voice which only adds to the confusion. Regina's best friend and housemate, gourmet chef Matilda (Tillie) Dawson takes on the job of referee between the two cousins. But Tillie's breast cancer diagnosis pushes Regina further over the edge of reason.

The entrance of a handsome neighbor further complicates the already tense household. Although all three ladies are attracted to his good looks and charm, he only has eyes for Tillie. And then Annabelle's three grandchildren are abandoned on their doorstep adding bedlam to disorder.

Could a peaceful coexistence between Regina and her cousin ever be achieved? Will Tillie survive the illness that threatens her body and her new beau? Is it possible to find love so late in life?

Award-winning author B.D. Tharp answers these questions and more in her debut novel *Feisty Family Values*. A local writer for *Active Aging* and *Womens Focus* magazines, Tharp's contemporary work of women's fiction will have you laughing and crying as the ladies discover the truth about what makes a poignant but feisty family

A lifetime resident of Kansas, B.D. Tharp graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications, Women/Minority Studies and Fine Arts. Former President of Kansas Writers Association, Tharp has published a short story in the *Sheridan Edwards Review*; an essay in *A Waist Is A Terrible Thing To Mind, an Anthology* and over a hundred articles for various magazines and newsletters. She's received awards on a local, state and national level for short stories, children's picture books, playwriting and novels. B.D. is married with one grown son, two grandsons and two very spoiled dogs.

*Feisty Family Values* (ISBN-13: 978-1-59414-849) a Five Star/A part of Gale, Cengage Learning Publications book, retails for \$25.95 and can soon be purchased in bookstores and through BarnesandNoble.com, Borders.com, Amazon.com and <http://gale.cengage.com/fivestar/>.



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