

This week, our 'Makin It Happen' author is Erie native Carrie Aulenbacher, who is the author of the new romance novel *The Early Bird Cafe*. Living near the shores of Lake Erie, this full-time secretary and mom has taken the leap into publication with NYC's own Page Publishing Company.

Ever a romantic at heart, Carrie's writing reflects an optimistic perspective. Her writing is targeted at 30-somethings who may feel that the chance for true love has passed them by. For those women who believe that their careers have taken the place of a lover, Carrie's novel gives readers a new perspective on love.

Her novel isn't the typical 'man meets woman out of the blue and they fall instantly in love even though they are total opposites' type of romance. Rather, she works to pull you into the lives of 2 long-time friends, Jim and Eve, who have never crossed that thin line into the realm of romance even though they are both hiding a desire to do just that.

Carrie has been an avid writer all her life and she attributes writing in her journal to helping her make it through hard times, dry patches, and writer's block. She encourages all people to think about starting a journal of their own, even if they are not a writer.

Carrie has also enjoyed putting together a monthly newsletter ([eepurl.com/3FcLv](http://eepurl.com/3FcLv)) for fans that includes exclusive videos to encourage and spark their imagination so they can try new things with their own projects. Whether you're a writer or not, Carrie's fun videos and freebies will keep you inspired.

For more information about her book, visit Carrie's website at [CarrieAulenbacher.com](http://CarrieAulenbacher.com), where you can join her newsletter, follow her blog, and enjoy her short stories.

Follow Carrie on Twitter at [twitter.com/Aully1](https://twitter.com/Aully1) to see what else she has in store for romance lovers, such as getting her book into a Cedar Rapids, Iowa cafe that has the same name as her book.

*Beabestseller.com featured me in their Sept 14<sup>th</sup> newsletter as their 'Makin It Happen' author! Issue #119*