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Karen Mussette's new book unveils her spiritual encounter captured on camera

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Photographer Karen Mussette's new book 'My Guardian Angels' unveils the spiritual encounter she captured on camera
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"I don't know why I was allowed to capture their presence. I'm no saint. I'm certainly not perfect by any means. I've had my fair share of mistakes, 'social blunders' if you will, and I have a few regrets. The only thing I can say on my behalf is that other than my sense of humor, I have a pure heart."

- Karen Mussette in "My Guardian Angels"

Karen Mussette is a fine art photographer known for her captivating style of capturing "slice of life" moments in timeless black and white stills. For the most part it also seemed her own life was on a picture perfect path of professional and personal success, with her photography granting her entry into the prestigious Los Angeles and New York art worlds and a son blessing her with the pure joy that comes with motherhood.

But in 2013, Karen's world was suddenly and drastically turned upside down. The first big blow came when her mother was diagnosed with cancer, which rapidly progressed and worsened with the onset of dementia. Then a string of other, unrelated events left Karen facing the unthinkable "American nightmare" experienced by many families during the nation's **foreclosure crisis**. The house that she and her son had called "home" for eleven years had become one of the millions ordered into foreclosure. As the months of eviction notices piled up, Karen only became more frazzled, exhausted and left without any solutions to curb the impending doom. But it wasn't until the final eve before "D-day" arrived that the reality of being homeless finally hit her like a full-on, traumatic bomb.

"I was up all night packing and trying to figure out how I was going to fit everything in the car, along with our two dogs," Karen explains in her recent interview with **Examiner**. Looking back now, she paints us a humorous picture of her loaded down jalopy leaving Los Angeles very much like the "Clampetts" arrived in "**The Beverly Hillbillies**." However, in her book "**My Guardian Angels**," Karen gives a very different account of what she felt during those final hours before the bank officially seized her house.

"I had never felt so alone and afraid. Afraid of what was to come. I was officially homeless. I asked God for guidance and help. I couldn't stop praying and crying. I had never prayed so hard in my entire life. I prayed like a madwoman . . . for myself, for my mom with cancer, and for my teenage son who was in China."

What happened next was the profound, **spiritual** experience that Karen can only describe as a sudden, overwhelming feeling of being surrounded by love and a strong sense of comfort and peace. "I couldn't see them but I could feel their warmth, their brilliance and unconditional love," Karen explains. She then describes hearing their faint, yet powerful whispers speaking through her angst and despair, "It's going to be all right," they assured her. At that point Karen knew that somehow, someday, her prayers had been heard and their presence was real. "Although I couldn't actually see them, I could feel my guardian angels had come to rescue me. I could sense their divine comfort and love. It was truly a beautiful yet traumatic moment for me," she reveals.

It was also the epitome of a life moment that her photographer's instinct prompted her to capture on camera. She grabbed her nearby iPhone and quickly

snapped photos of the entity she couldn't see but could certainly feel in the room with her. What appears in the book cover photo is undoubtedly a beam of light, which Karen says is the first guardian angel she was able to capture on her camera phone that night. Of course many continue to debate the scientific versus spiritual explanations for orbs and light forces appearing in photos and videos, but Karen stands firm on what she experienced. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God," she says, quoting a passage from the Bible. "Well I didn't see God, I felt God. Yet my cellphone saw God. My heart knew they were there. It was a given."

Whether or not you believe in guardian angels, Karen's experience has become an inspirational story for anyone struggling to overcome adversity. No, her guardian angels didn't magically cure her mother of cancer, nor did they suddenly save her house at the last minute. Instead, they gifted her with the inner personal strength to carry on through real-life struggles and helped her to gain a bigger picture perspective of our purpose on this planet.

Karen Mussette shares the details about her life-changing experience and inspires others to become "change makers" in her new book, "My Guardian Angels." To find out more, go directly to the official book website: www.myguardianangels.world

"My Guardian Angels" is currently available in paperback or e-book on Lulu.com and soon to be distributed on additional sites worldwide.



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