



**KELLY MARKEY**  
INTERNATIONAL BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

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Kelly is an accomplished writer, motivational speaker, philanthropist, wife, successful corporate professional, and global inspiration. An international best-selling author that's five-star rated on Amazon, her ability to move forward overcoming pain and hardship throughout life is what propels Kelly to rise above and be the best version of herself.

Kelly was born in Tongaat, South Africa, the youngest of five children. Her childhood and young adult life was marked with experiences of racial segregation and violence; until at age 22, Kelly moved to New Zealand. While studying pharmacy in Auckland, Kelly applied for citizenship alongside her ex-husband. Due to a history of domestic violence her ex-husband was denied, forcing Kelly to make the brave decision to immigrate on her own to Australia where she worked at The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne.

Kelly felt isolated and alone in her new country. As her loneliness and isolation mounted, she turned to God. While not yet a Christian, Kelly's prayers were answered, and she began her faith-filled journey with a trust in God. Her father's cancer diagnosis forced Kelly back to South Africa, where she witnessed Christianity to her father in the final stage of his life.

Returning to New Zealand in 2003, Kelly married and began focusing on her dream of having children. The emotional abuse witnessed in her household was compounded as they began undergoing an IVF regimen. Suffering a miscarriage and being advised to stop any further IVF treatments due to health risk, Kelly was hopeful to explore egg transplant or surrogate options. Her husband refused to consider these possibilities, crushing all hopes Kelly had of becoming a mother.

During the recession of 2008, the couple planned to immigrate from New Zealand to Australia. Kelly went to Australia first, leaving the home in her husband's name to finalize details. Focusing on building a new life together, Kelly found a job at a hospital and worked to find their new home. After a few months, she learned her husband had sold their home in New Zealand and decided he did not want to be married any longer.

Kelly turned to her trust in God to see her through. She found friendship and support in the church. By 2011 Kelly was ready to soar as she moved to Sydney and began working on a project building a prototype hospital based in Singapore. This career sparked a love of travel and adventure, and pure happiness for Kelly. Little did she know, while in this chapter of joy and contentment she would meet the man that would become the love of her life. Now settled in Australia with her husband, they are building a beautiful life together.



**“Seek to define your  
confidence and don't rely on  
society to mirror it to you”**

**- Kelly Markey**