

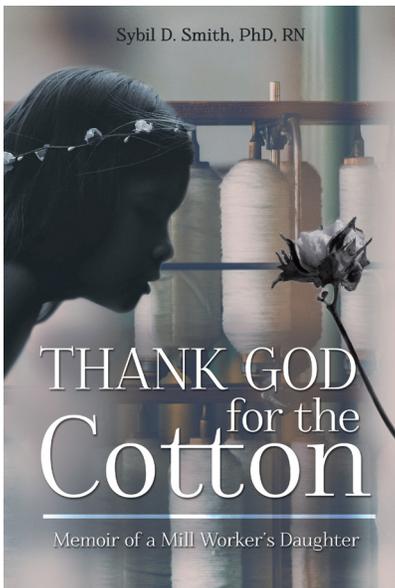


# news release

AMBASSADOR INTERNATIONAL  
411 University Ridge Ste B14  
Greenville, SC 29601  
Ph. 864.751.4847  
[www.ambassador-international.com](http://www.ambassador-international.com)

MEDIA CONTACT: Keli Garrett  
864.517.0666  
[media@emeraldhouse.com](mailto:media@emeraldhouse.com)

## GENERATIONAL FAMILY BAGGAGE CREATES UNEXPLAINABLE EVENTS FOR MILL HILL CHILD TAKES YEARS TO UNPACK



**For immediate release:** In *Thank God for the Cotton* (Ambassador International; \$15.99; December 1, 2017), Sybil Smith gives thanks to God as she ponders her Southern textile mill hill heritage in upstate South Carolina. Generational family baggage creates unexplainable events for a young mill hill child and takes years to unpack. The mill village culture is seen as both a blessing and a grace providing day to day decision opportunities for God's goodness to be bestowed. It takes years to name and claim the wounds before the healing journey can begin. Before the harvest of healing is the discovery of what had been swept under the rug, and is not without pain and tears. The author describes a twenty-three-year healing journey.

Grateful that God provided a way for her, Sybil relates her twenty-three year journey to finding meaning and purpose in life as she overcame memories of suffering and shame. Naming and claiming the wound is necessary before true healing can begin.

**About the Author:** Sybil Smith, PhD, RN, grew up on a textile mill village in South Carolina. Experienced as a scholastic and opinion writer she now sheds the academic regalia and relates her memoir as a mill worker's daughter. She resides in Lyman, SC, with her husband of fifty-four years, where she teaches Sunday School, visits the homebound, and is a hospice volunteer. Sybil believes in the practical application of knowledge as she advocates for the needs of the older population, the forgotten and left out.

To connect with the author or request a review copy of *Thank God for the Cotton*, please contact publicity director Keli Garrett at [media@emeraldhouse.com](mailto:media@emeraldhouse.com).

RELEASE DATE: December 1, 2017  
TRADE Paperback  
PAGES: 208  
PRICE: \$15.99  
ISBN: 9781620205112

**ABOUT THE PUBLISHER:** Ambassador International was founded in 1980 in Belfast, Northern Ireland and expanded to Greenville, South Carolina in 1995. Ambassador International's books and materials have been distributed in dozens of countries and are sold worldwide. For more information visit [www.ambassador-international.com](http://www.ambassador-international.com). You can also follow @AmbassadorIntl on Twitter or check out Facebook.com/AmbassadorIntl.

### **Suggested Interview Questions for the Author:**

1. What inspired you to write *Thank God for the Cotton*?
2. Where did you feel God's comfort and peace most intensely when you were growing up?
3. What kind of role did holding on to hope play in your faith struggles during your childhood?
4. What message do you hope people will take from your family's story?



# author bio

AMBASSADOR INTERNATIONAL  
411 University Ridge Ste B14  
Greenville, SC 29601  
Ph. 864.751.4847  
[www.ambassador-international.com](http://www.ambassador-international.com)

MEDIA CONTACT: Keli Garrett  
864.517.0666  
[media@emeraldhouse.com](mailto:media@emeraldhouse.com)

## DR. SYBIL SMTIH *Author of "Thank God for the Cotton"*



Dr. Smith, a registered nurse and educator, grew up in a textile mill village in South Carolina. Experienced as a scholastic and opinion writer, she now sheds the academic regalia and relates her memoir as a mill worker's daughter. She believes in the practical application of knowledge as she advocates for the needs of the older population, the forgotten, and left out. She teaches Sunday School, visits the homebound, and is a hospice volunteer.

### Connect with the Author

 [www.tgforthec.com](http://www.tgforthec.com)

 @TGfortheC

 [www.facebook.com/Thank-God-for-the-Cotton-161882461037270](https://www.facebook.com/Thank-God-for-the-Cotton-161882461037270)

**ABOUT THE PUBLISHER:** Ambassador International was founded in 1980 in Belfast, Northern Ireland and expanded to Greenville, South Carolina in 1995. Ambassador International's books and materials have been distributed in dozens of countries and are sold worldwide. For more information visit [www.ambassador-international.com](http://www.ambassador-international.com). You can also follow @AmbassadorIntl on Twitter or check out [Facebook.com/AmbassadorIntl](https://www.facebook.com/AmbassadorIntl).