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Kenihan, Kerry

(1944 -)

Born	19440419, Mildura Victoria Australia
Occupation	Journalist, Print journalist, Teacher, Writer

Summary

Kerry Kenihan worked as a primary school teacher before turning to journalism, a career she has followed for over thirty years. She was at one time women's editor of the Melbourne *Sunday Observer* and chief sub-editor of *New Idea*. In the 1970s Kenihan was a prolific writer of short stories, many of them romances, which she published under various pseudonyms. Since then she has worked freelance, writing both general news and features on topics including medicine, food and wine, and women's issues.

Her second son, Quentin, was born in 1975 with severe osteogenesis imperfecta (OI), which meant that his bones were as brittle as eggshell. With her husband Kenihan founded the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation to assist families afflicted with this condition. Their experiences in caring for Quentin and helping him to overcome the difficulties resulting from his OI led her to write the book*How to be the Parents of a Handicapped Child – and Survive* (1981), and in 1985 when Quentin was ten she wrote his story.

Events

1960 - 1990
Career in journalism active

Published resources

Book
Quentin, Kenihan, Kerry, 1985

How to be the parents of a handicapped child- and survive, Kenihan, Kerry, 1981

Site Exhibition
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