

## JOAN KELLEHER GENCARELLI

Joan was born in London, England to Anglo/Irish parents. During World War II, when only four years old, Joan became one of eight hundred thousand unaccompanied British children to be evacuated from major cities and placed in foster homes. She was separated from her family for five years; they were reunited at war's end.

Joan emigrated to America at age nineteen, and is now living in Kailua, Hawaii, her home of thirty-odd years.

A systems analyst and technical writer by profession, Joan has spent the past four years writing her memoir "**And When the Bough Breaks...** *A child's view of war, peace and the lifelong search for reconciliation.*" Her desire is to publish this book and help those separated from family by death, divorce or war come to terms with their loss. It is also her personal documentation of that moment in history when thousands of children were evacuated from their homes; a story untold, and nearly forgotten.

From 1988 through 1996 Joan lived as an ex-pat's wife in Beijing, China, Seoul, Korea and Bangkok, Thailand. She is currently working on her second book, which explores her experiences and adventures during those years. Including her on-site account of the Tiananmen Square uprising.

The proud mother of son Christopher, daughter Elizabeth and grandmother of nine-month-old John, Joan is now a full time writer, and Vice President of the Honolulu Chapter of the National League of American Pen Women.

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