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Horsham spirit medium's job loss yields time to write

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Karen Hluchan of Horsham has written and edited her 244-page book, "How Have You Loved?"

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Karen Hluchan wholeheartedly believes in signs.

So, in May, when the Horsham spirit medium saw an ad on Facebook for Balboa Press, a self-publishing house, Hluchan immediately reached out.

Soon after, she was laid off from her marketing position of 15 years.

"I knew it was coming ... so I wasn't totally shocked," Hluchan said.

Viewing the job loss — and the accompanying severance package — as another sign, she set out, just two days afterward, on the writing of her book.

"I was gifted with that time," she said. "I saw it as an opportunity to do what I always wanted to do."

Within roughly three months, Hluchan had written and edited her 244-page book, "How Have You Loved?"

On Dec. 9, she turned the book and artwork in for approval.

The next day, her title was "live" and available for purchase through Amazon.

"I had lost my Aunt Eileen this year," Hluchan said. "The day it shows for publication — Dec. 10 — would've been her 60th birthday."

So, what's the book about?

"It's all about love," said Hluchan. "When we cross over into heaven, the most important question we will ever answer about our lives is 'how have you loved?' This is our reason for living."

Hluchan expanded upon blogs she had been writing for the last year, "enriched them and gave them what they really needed," she said.

She will begin local book signings nearby, before setting out for other signings, workshops and spirit medium demonstrations in Colorado, Kentucky, Florida, Michigan, Vermont, California, Canada and Arizona.

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Spirit medium Karen Hluchan will discuss her book, "How Have You Loved?" and sign copies on Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Radiance Spa at the Bucks Club, 2600 York Road in Jamison. She will also host a book signing at Horsham Township Library, 435 Babylon Road, on Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information on either event, or to learn more about her book, visit www.healingspiritwithlove.com.

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Her hope is to grab the attention of Hay House Publishing, a prime publisher of inspirational, spirituality, health and healing and self-improvement books.

"That is my dream and my goal is to have Hay House pick me up," Hluchan said. "Usually, they start looking at you after you've sold 3,000 or 4,000 copies of your book. I'm going to wait and see what happens."

As for the marketing job she lost, Hluchan said she does not intend to seek another.

Instead, she'll harness her talents to promote her book, expand her audience and spread the love.

"A lot of people that I have met, especially women, have a tendency to give, give, give — and not receive," Hluchan said. "They think they're not worthy. This book is about empowering."

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