Biography of Stephenie Meyer

Stephenie Meyer was born December 24, 1973 is an American young adult author and producer, best known for her vampire romance series *Twilight*. The *Twilight* novels have gained worldwide recognition and sold over 100 million copies, with translations into 37 different languages. Meyer was the bestselling author of 2008 and 2009 in America, having sold over 29 million books in 2008, and 26.5 million books in 2009. *Twilight* was the best-selling book of 2008 in US bookstores.

Meyer was ranked #49 on *Time* magazine's list of the "100 Most Influential People in 2008", and was included in the *Forbes* Celebrity 100 list of the world's most powerful celebrities in 2009, entering at #26. Her annual earnings exceeded $50 million. In 2010, *Forbes* ranked her as the #59 most powerful celebrity with annual earnings of $40 million.
**Early life**

Stephenie Meyer was born in Hartford, Connecticut, to Stephen and Candy Morgan. She grew up in Phoenix, Arizona, with five siblings: Seth, Emily, Jacob, Paul, and Heidi. She attended Chaparral High School in Scottsdale, Arizona, where her former English teacher remembered her as "bright but not overly so. She attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah where she received a B.A. in English in 1997. Meyer met her husband Christian when she was 4 years old in Arizona, and married him in 1994 when they were both 21. Together they have three sons: Gabe, Seth, and Eli. Christian Meyer, formerly an auditor, has now retired to take care of the children.

Meyer is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; she has stated that she is straight-laced about her beliefs and does not drink alcohol or smoke. Meyer had no experience as a writer of any kind and had never even written a short story before *Twilight*. She had considered going to law school because she felt she had no chance of becoming a writer; she later noted that the birth of her oldest son Gabe changed her mind, saying, "Once I had Gabe, I just wanted to be his mom. Before becoming an author, Meyer's only professional work was as a receptionist in a property company.

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Personal life

Meyer married Christian Meyer in 1994. They have three sons together: Gabe, Seth and Eli. The family lives in Cave Creek, Arizona and also own a home on Marrowstone Island, Washington.

The Summary Of Novel

"Souls", a species of parasitic aliens, have invaded Earth, deeming the humans too violent to deserve the planet. When a Soul is implanted into a host body the consciousness of the original owner is eventually erased, leaving only their memories and knowledge. Wanderer, a Soul who was given her name for not living more than one host's life on any of eight previous planets, is placed in the body of Melanie Stryder, one of the last few humans who've managed to avoid capture. Melanie tried to commit suicide by jumping down an elevator shaft when pursued by Seekers, but was revived by the Souls' advanced medicine. Wanderer is asked by a Seeker to look through Melanie's memories and see if there's anything that can lead them to other humans, but she is being mentally blocked, leading the Seeker to realize Melanie's consciousness is still alive and resisting control.

As time goes by, Melanie's consciousness grows stronger and begins to communicate with Wanderer. Wanderer manages to uncover some of Melanie's memories, mainly about her younger brother Jamie and her boyfriend Jared Howe, another human she
met while stealing food some years back. Through Melanie's memories Wanderer begins to love Jared and Jamie as well. Eventually, Melanie's presence becomes too much and Wanderer contemplates being re-implanted in another host, but as she's driving through the desert on the way to consult a Healer on her decision, Melanie inspires her to follow a series of landmarks she remembers to find her Uncle Jeb, hoping that Jared and Jamie will now be with him.

Their quest seems fruitless, however, with Wanderer almost dying of dehydration, until she's happened upon by Uncle Jeb. He realizes Melanie's body has been taken over, but saves her life anyway. He takes her to his hideout; a large set of secret caves housing over thirty humans, including Jared and Jamie. Most of them demand she be killed, fearing she'll escape and tell the rest of the Souls where they are, but Jared stops them, not being able to bear the thought of Melanie's body being harmed. After fainting, Wanderer wakes up in a tiny cave with Jared guarding her. Brothers Ian and Kyle O'Shea come to kill her, but Jeb intervenes and tells them that Jared is the one who gets to decide Wanderer's fate.

She's kept in the cramped cave for a week, until Jared has to lead a raid and leaves her in Jeb's care. With Jared gone, Jeb gives her a real room to stay in and lets her help out around the caves. As the weeks go by, the rest of the humans grow used to the Soul living in their community, and Wanderer grows particularly close to Jamie, Jeb, Ian, and Doc, who all come to believe that Melanie is still present inside her.
She's given the nickname "Wanda", and with some encouragement from Jeb begins to tell stories about the previous worlds she's lived on to the group at meal times.

Jared, Kyle, and the others return, and are furious that their group would let themselves trust an alien. Jared decides he wants to shoot her, but Jeb insists Wanda belongs to Jamie as well, and Jared eventually agrees not to harm her. After hearing Doc, Jamie, and Jeb insist that Melanie's conscious is still alive, he kisses Wanderer to test if it's true, causing Melanie to take control enough to punch him. He takes this as confirmation.

Walter, one of the older humans who is slowly dying of bone cancer, asks to see Wanda. She sits by him in the hospital as he talks to her, thinking she's his wife Gladys. After a while she takes a break and goes for a bath. In the bathing area Kyle appears and attacks her. He first tries to drown her, then throw her down a cavern into the river below. In the ensuing struggle she causes him to hit his head and black out, but the ledge gives way and the two nearly plummet to their death. She manages to get free but then stops Kyle from falling, risking her life in the process, Melanie's internal objections at doing so. Ian hears Wanda's cries for help and pulls them up. Wanda is moved back to the hospital to be treated for her injuries, and comforts Walter as Doc gives him a morphine overdose. After Walter's funeral, a trial is held for Kyle. Ian, Jared, and a few others want to kick him out for attempted murder, but Wanda lies to protect him, and the majority vote decides he should stay. Ian confesses
that he has romantic feelings for Wanda - not her host body, but her - and kisses her, but Melanie's repulsion and her own feelings for Jared make her confused, and she asks for time to think about it.

Jared goes out on another raid and takes Jamie with him. Afterwards, they intentionally keep Wanda away from the hospital, just as they did after the previous raid, making her suspicious. She goes to see what the secret is, and discovers mutilated Souls who've been cut out of their hosts. The image is so traumatic that she hides for three days, remaining silent and not eating anything as a form of mourning. Jeb eventually convinces her to return and explains that they've been looking for a way to safely remove Souls from human bodies, but each time has proven to be fatal for both parties, and he agrees to make sure it never happens again.

Wanda then learns that a large cut Jamie got while out has become infected, and remembering what happened when Walter couldn't be treated, desperately tries to convince the community to steal medication for him. She suggests they use her, as she could acquire it easily and she'd never be suspected of anything, but the group still don't trust her enough. Jared sneaks her out at night, and they're successful in their mission. Now sure where Wanda's loyalties lie, they allow her to go out on another raid and return with a vast amount of food, all given freely by stores.

They learn upon returning that Wanda's Seeker found the caves and fatally shot a human named Wes before she could be subdued. Not wanting the Seeker to be killed,
Wanda realizes there's a way to spare her and the host body - by revealing how to remove a Soul properly. She agrees to tell Doc this secret, on condition that all Souls be sent to other planets rather than killed. Tired of stealing lives from people, she also asks to be taken out of Melanie and left to die, to which Doc grudgingly agrees. After the Seeker's human host is restored, Kyle runs off to find his girlfriend Jodi. He returns with Jodi, now inhabited by a Soul called Sunny (Sunlight Passing Through the Ice), who has feelings for Kyle the same way Wanda loved Jared. They plan to remove her and revive Jodi, although Sunny does not want to leave Earth. Wanda then reveals her intentions to give Melanie back her body and Ian, believing Wanda is leaving for another planet, tries to convince her to stay. He expresses his love for her and she tells him she loves him too, but sneaks out when he falls asleep. Jared confronts her as she's going to see Doc, but Wanda manages to keep her resolve. As Doc is putting her under she says goodbye to Doc and Melanie, and peacefully accepts death.

Wanda wakes up, now in a new host. She learns that Jared had coerced Doc into saving Wanda and went out with Melanie and Jamie to get a new body for her. Wanda is upset, but they explain that the host didn't wake up after they took the Soul out, meaning Wanda isn't a parasite. She learns that Jodi didn't wake up after Sunny was removed either, so Kyle decided to return Sunny to Jodi's body. In her new body, Wanda finally gains wide acceptance from the humans and is free to be in a relationship with Ian. Months later, Wanda is heading out on a raid with Ian, Jared,
Melanie, when they meet another group of humans who also have a Soul in their group. The story concludes with Wanda and the Soul named Burns (Burns Living Flowers), agreeing on the strangeness of Earth.