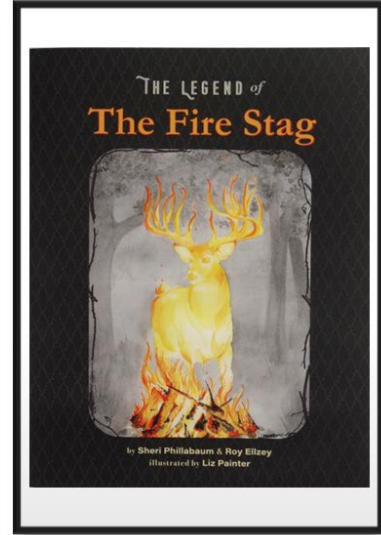


2025 Publication Award Winner – Dr. Sheri Phillabaum

The Legend of the Fire Stag



Dr. Sheri Phillabaum holds a bachelor's degree in religious studies and a Ph.D. in Renaissance drama. She pursued a career teaching English at universities in Florida and Texas and became an award-winning playwright. In the early 21st century she moved on to a career as a religious educator and is credentialed with the Unitarian Universalist Association at the master level. She recently retired after fifteen years as Director of Lifespan Religious Education at First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Antonio. For the final phase of her career, Sheri is teaching English as a second language at St, Mary's University and Northside Independent School District in San Antonio.

Sheri's passions include hiking, kayaking, reading, and theater. She has two grown sons and one cat. She is the author of the children's book, *Who Loves the Dark*, which teaches children to appreciate the value of darkness in the natural world. She is also the wife of Dr. Roy Ellzey, principal author of the children's book, *The Fire Stag*. Sheri and her husband Dr. Roy Ellzey are both nature lovers devoted to sustainability.