

English Immersion Life Stories



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Kateryna Novella's Life Stories

Host: Welcome back to our show. Today, we're talking to Kateryna Novella, the author of "Coffee and First Wins." Kateryna, thank you for coming.

Kateryna: Thank you for inviting me. I'm happy to be here.

Host: Your book is about starting something new and not giving up. Why did you choose that topic?

Kateryna: Because I know how hard it is to start. People often wait for the perfect moment, but it never comes. I wanted to show that even a small step can change everything.

Host: That sounds very true. Was there a moment when you almost gave up yourself?

Kateryna: Oh, yes, many times. I had doubts and thought nobody would care about my story, but then I remembered why I started: to give hope to people like me.

Host: Can I tell our listeners that English is not your first language?

Kateryna: Of course. I'm from Central Europe. I grew up speaking my native language at home and started learning English at school, like most people.

Host: That's amazing! And now you write books in English. How did that happen?

Kateryna: It wasn't a plan. I just loved the sound of English. Later, when I moved to England, I wanted to really live in the language, not just speak it, but think and dream in it. Writing helped me do that.

Host: Where in England do you live?

Kateryna: In a small town near the sea. It's quiet and people are friendly. I like walking by the coast. It's my time to think and get ideas for my stories.

Host: How did you get used to English life and our traditions?

Kateryna: At first, it was strange. People talk about the weather all the time, and they say "sorry" even when it's not their fault. But I like it now. It's polite and warm in a funny way.

Host: Do you drink tea with milk, like we do?

Kateryna: Yes, I do. I didn't like it at first. I thought it was crazy, but now I can't imagine my morning without it.

Host: That's great. When did you first start writing?

Kateryna: A few years ago. At first, it was just a hobby. I wrote short notes, memories, small stories from my life. Later, I realized they could become something bigger: a book.

Host: Do you remember how you felt when you held your first printed copy?

Kateryna: Yes, I do. It was a mix of pride and disbelief. I looked at the book and thought, "I really did this." It was one of the happiest moments in my life.

Host: Your readers say that your stories feel real. Why do you think that is?

Kateryna: Because they come from real emotions. I write about fear, love, mistakes, things that happen to all of us. My stories are not perfect, just like life isn't perfect.

Host: Before you became an author, you worked in education, right?

Kateryna: No, not really. I helped some people learn English and use it with more confidence. I saw how often they were afraid to make mistakes, but I had many different jobs. I liked them all, but I don't think that I was very good at most of them.

Host: So you feel now that writing is the best way for you to be useful?

Kateryna: Exactly. When you do something you really understand, you feel proud, and that pride gives you energy to continue.

Host: And what gives you energy to continue?

Kateryna: Messages from readers. When someone writes, "I managed to read a book in English," that makes my day. It means my work helps someone feel stronger.

Host: If one of our listeners is afraid to follow her dream, what would you tell her?

Kateryna: I'd say, "Don't wait. Start small. Start today. You don't need to be ready, you just need to begin."

Host: Beautiful words. Kateryna Novella, thank you for joining us.

Kateryna: Thank you. It was a pleasure.

Host: And thank you listeners for staying with us.



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