# ***Scattered* – Blurb, Tagline, and Bio**

## **Book Description:**

In 1906, Elie Rutherford dreams of joining the physics lab her father, the great Ernest Rutherford, heads at McGill University. Elie is thwarted from pursuing her passion in an era when women are confined to female-only college classes. Fueled by her burning desire for knowledge and purpose, she rebels against societal expectations, refusing to accept a marriage proposal that would threaten to shackle her dreams.

Fast forward to 2006, where William Hertz, a brilliant graduate physics student at McGill, lives an introverted life, immersing himself in the world of astrophysics. Wounded by past experiences, he shields his heart from love, finding solace among his fellow misfit physicist friends. Little does he know that his life is about to take an extraordinary turn when a mysterious stranger appears, lost in time.

Disoriented, Elie concludes a lab mishap brought her forward a century. Trying to blend in with modern students, she hides her identity until she meets William and risks everything by revealing who she really is. Elie and William's shared passion for physics sparks a bond as they attempt to recreate the experiment that can return Elie home. Torn between her past and a 21st-century future with William, Elie faces a heart-wrenching choice. Will she find her way back to 1906 or embrace a new destiny?

## **Tagline:**

We only realize what we want once it’s gone.

## **Katherine’s Biography, Short:**

Katherine Benfante writes science fiction with a twist of romance. She also teaches math, engineering, and French classes in her local school district. Katherine lives in New Jersey with her husband and two daughters, voracious readers all. Scattered is her debut novel. Please visit Katherine's website at www.katherinebenfante.com where you can sign up for her newsletter for exclusive extras about Scattered and her other books, release news, and more.

## **Katherine’s Biography, Long:**

"I think I was always meant to be an author. When I was younger, I wanted to be a teacher, then an architect, then a racecar engineer. But after I wrote a mammoth 60-page novel for my 6th grade teacher’s simple ten-page writing assignment, I thought I might have a few more stories in me.

Fast forward a decade or so, and I graduated in mechanical engineering from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec (the most fun four years you could imagine … I recommend every teen consider attending McGill!). I walked the same halls Elie and William did, and yes: the western-facing windows on the Schulich library’s fourth floor was my favorite studying nook on campus. I moved back to the States and proudly worked as an engineer for the Army and Navy. But I never stopped writing. Even after a long day of part drawings and program management meetings, I made time to pound away at my keyboard.

After getting married and having two (wonderful!) daughters, I kept writing – both out of love for writing and to show my girls you can reach your dreams. These days I spend my time as a mother; substitute teaching French, engineering, and math classes; and writing even more stories. I live in New Jersey with my family, across the street from a lake overrun by swans and Canadian geese.

Fun Facts

- Like my dad, I graduated from Skip Barber Racing School and actually earned my race car driver license! Sadly, it has since expired. But I have the videotape to prove I did it.

- While working for the Army, I also earned my license to drive a tank! I drove an M1A2 Abrams and an M60, the latter of which I used to (purposely) crush a (junkyard) car in 2009 for a demonstration on Armed Forces Day. That’s also on video, and probably one of my life’s greatest moments.

- I once memorized 100 digits of π while bored during a week-long training session at work. Have I mentioned I love math?!

- I got a fortune cookie long ago that said, “You are a lover of words. One day you will write a book.” Maybe I should’ve played the lucky numbers on the flipside.

- Another of my greatest achievements is converting my daughters into Potterheads. I only wish I fit into my kids’ “I’d rather be at Hogwarts” t-shirts….."

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