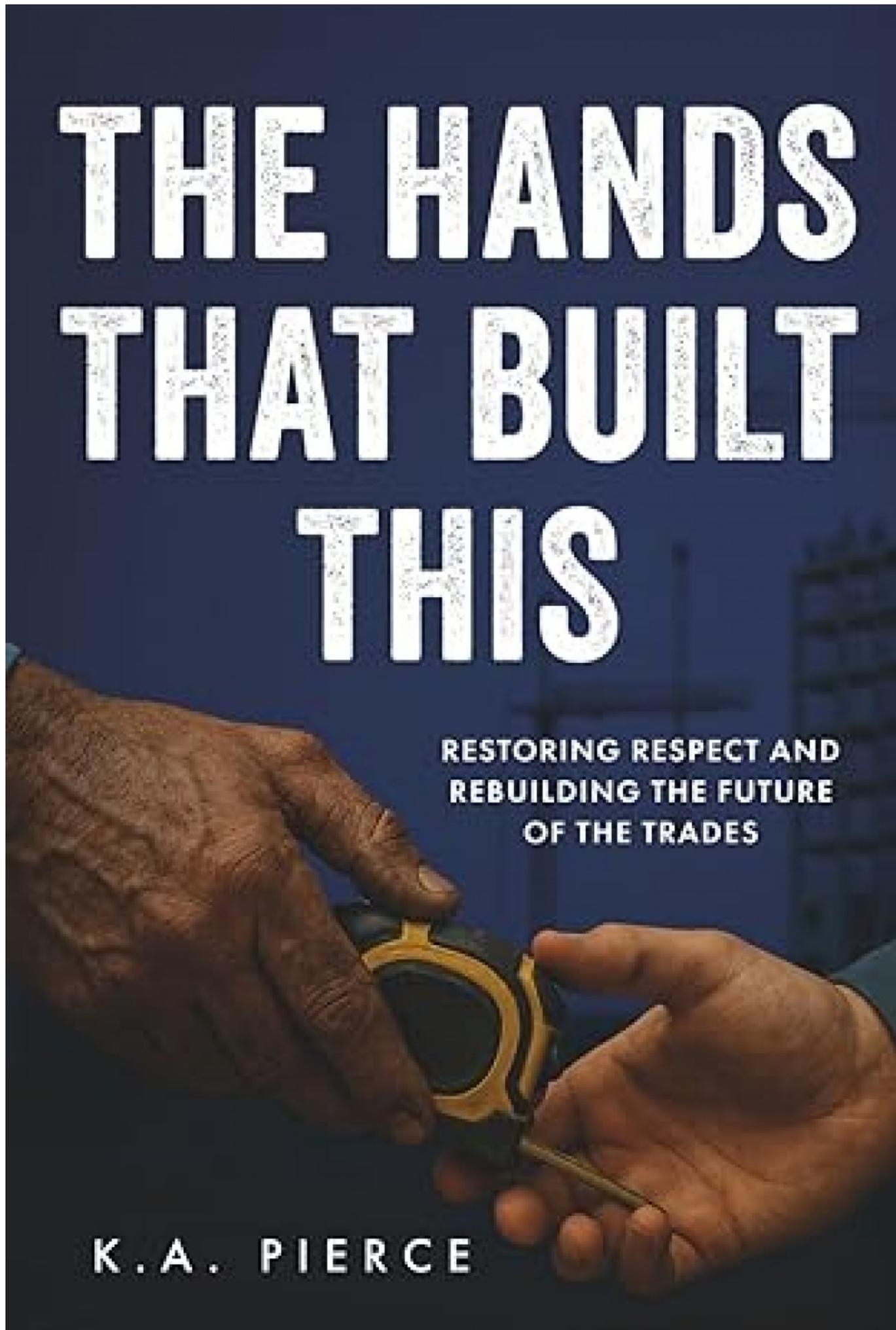


Kim Pierce Releases The Hands That Built This, A Call to Reclaim Respect for the People Who Build Our Communities

THE HANDS THAT BUILT THIS

RESTORING RESPECT AND
REBUILDING THE FUTURE
OF THE TRADES

K.A. PIERCE



Portland, Oregon Feb 25, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - In an era defined by labor shortages, rising education costs, and renewed interest in hands-on careers, **K.A. Pierce** delivers a timely and compelling call to action with *The Hands That Built This: Restoring Respect and Rebuilding the Future of the Trades*. Part memoir, part manifesto, the book makes a clear and urgent case for skilled trades as **first-choice careers**, not fallback options.

Drawing on **34 years in construction**, including **14 years as a carpenter and ironworker** and nearly **two decades as a construction safety professional**, Pierce blends lived experience with practical solutions. Through vivid jobsite storytelling, real-world case studies, and actionable policy recommendations, the book demonstrates how **apprenticeships, earn-while-you-learn programs, mentorship for women, and safety-first training** can strengthen the workforce, reduce costly failures, and create stable, debt-free career paths.

Concise, direct, and voice driven, *The Hands That Built These* serves as a roadmap for **parents, educators, contractors, community leaders, and policymakers** seeking to rebuild respect for the trades and the communities they sustain.

About the Author

K.A. Pierce was born and raised in rural Minnesota, where a strong work ethic and hands-on problem-solving were part of everyday life. The daughter of a carpenter who could build or fix anything, Pierce's career has taken her across the United States from Texas and Indiana to Florida and to extraordinary locations including **Alaska, Puerto Rico, and even Antarctica's South Pole Station**.

Over the course of more than three decades in construction, Pierce transitioned from the field into safety leadership in 2008, coaching countless workers and leading **zero-incident job sites** while fostering strong, accountable crews. Beyond nonfiction, Pierce has published works across multiple genres under various pen names, including self-help, historical fiction, fantasy, and practical guides.

Whether building structures or stories, Pierce is driven by one core belief: **restoring respect for skilled hands and the essential work they do**.

Media & Appearances

- Interview with **Logan Crawford**, *The Spotlight Network*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_6ZXOkJKOg

Author Website

For more information, visit www.pierceauthor.com

Message to Readers

"Construction is not a fallback plan; it is a viable first-choice career. Apprenticeship offers earn-while-

you-learn training, mentorship, and advancement without crushing debt. It's time we talk honestly with our communities, schools, and families about all the paths to success and restore respect for the trades.

Book Availability

The Hands That Built This: Restoring Respect and Rebuilding the Future of the Trades is available at:

- **Author Website:** <https://pierceauthor.com>
- **Amazon:** <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0G2SHKQ8G>



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