

## Angela Shelton's Bio



Angela Shelton started her career as a fashion model in Paris and New York and bridged to acting when she played the lead in Gavin O'Connor's first film, "Comfortably Numb." She first brought her life to the screen with "Tumbleweeds," which she co-wrote and produced with Mr. O'Connor. The film brought O'Connor the filmmaker's trophy at the 2000 Sundance Film Festival and the lead actress, Janet McTeer, an Academy Award nomination and a Golden Globe win.

Angela then received outstanding reviews for her adaptation of Kaye Gibbon's novel Charms for the Easy Life, starring Gena Rowlands, and began a screenwriting career in Hollywood. To make her directorial debut Angela drove around the country and met other Angela Sheltons in America in the documentary "Searching for Angela Shelton." Her goal was to survey women in America but as she began interviewing other Angela Sheltons she found that 70% had been victims of rape, childhood sexual assault and/or domestic violence. This surprising journey also led Angela to confront her own abusive past and her pedophile father on Father's Day. The multi-award winning documentary has started a grassroots movement of survivors and humanitarian organizations around the world who are breaking the silence about the epidemic of abuse.

Angela not only inspires trauma survivors to heal, she is the superhero, Safe Side Super Chick, who teaches children how to be safe in the Safe Side video series created by Baby Einstein creator, Julie Clark, and America's Most Wanted creator, John Walsh.

Angela has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey show, 48 Hours Investigates and an exclusive version of "Searching for Angela Shelton" aired on Lifetime TV in April 2006.

Angela recently finished her second novel and is working on a new book along with two new screenplays. When Angela isn't at her computer she is cooking or hiking with her dog Norma.