



Book Reviews



Sharron Lucky

About the Speaker:

Sharron Lucky has loved the art of storytelling all her life. Early on, she read a book a day. And so began a lifetime of devotion to the art - acting, writing, directing and now reviewing stories!

Sharron and her husband, Dr. Harrell Lucky, collaborated on 3 wonderful children; and as a stay-at-home Mom, she began writing children's stories. Since she was married to a composer, many poems and stories were set to music. The Luckys went on to co-author 35 musical albums for the educational market. She wrote 5 books for children, and a teacher's curriculum guide, as well as enjoying 35 years of speaking to teachers conferences about integrating the arts into early childhood education.

Today, her most enjoyable story-telling experiences are spent with the 7 Lucky grandchildren and the many book clubs who still like to listen to a good story!

Material Offered:

NEW! NON-FICTION..... QUITE HONESTLY, by John Mortimer

According to Newsday, "No one is better than Mortimer at cataloging the fusty eccentricities of English domestic and public life.... There's not a page that doesn't crackle with wit."

Sir John Mortimer, a novelist, playwright, former barrister, and a wizard of words – has written for film, stage, radio and television. He's best known for 12 collections of Rumpole stories which have been adapted for the BBC.

Quite Honestly, his latest novel, is written in a "she said – he said" format, taking place on both sides of the law and featuring Lucy Purefoy, the sheltered Bishop's daughter who is a "perfect pain in the rump," and Terry Keegan, a former guest of the state.

When she is recruited by a misguided organization to become a guide and friend to an ex-convict coming out of prison, (the wayward Mr. Keegan, as you might guess), Lucy goes beyond the call of duty. Way beyond.

She Got Up Off The Couch, by Haven Kimmel

This winsome and humorous memoir takes up where Kimmel's best-selling book, A Girl Named Zippy, leaves off. The story continues as it centers around Skippy's Mother, Delonda, who for years sat in an indentation of the couch – reading, watching TV, calling friends, and munching on crunchy food until she weighed 268 pounds and had given up on herself and the chances of knowing any other kind of life.

This account, written from a child's viewpoint, reminds us all of the tricky transitions women were making in the 1960's. This book is not only humorous, poignant and bittersweet, but the author is able to draw her readers into the easy-going memories of a childhood that is arresting even though it depicts an all too familiar disintegration of a family.

Delivered in the whimsical, lovable prose of the author, this review will charm, compel and surprise you.

FROM THE ARCHIVES..... These programs have been available for awhile, but if you haven't heard them, you may want to consider them.

Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind, by Ann B. Ross

Due to popular request, this fun-loving book with a hidden message, will not be retired quite yet. If you haven't heard it, and want to laugh – the book is presented like a one-act play, and again, is the first book of this talented and witty author.

When Wesley Lloyd Springer leaves his wife suddenly a widow, she begins a new life she never dreamed possible. Though her husband had by all accounts been a frugal man, Miss Julia finds that she is a very wealthy widow. That's only the first of many surprises she find that Mr. Springer left her.

NON-FICTION.....Swing It! The Andrews Sisters Story, by John Scoria

In 1937, a young and vivacious trio of sisters from Minneapolis burst upon the music scene. Maxine, Patty and Laverne – the Andrews Sisters, who were to revolutionize and forever change popular music.

They are still the best-selling female vocal group of all time, having charted more Top 10 Billboard hits than Elvis or the Beatles and having placed 113 songs on the Top 40 charts in 15 years.

They introduced a vocal form of boogie-woogie and recorded swing, be-bop, and eight-to-the-bar tunes that characterized the music of the 1940s. Though they are perhaps best remembered for entertaining the troops during WW II, they also did live shows, radio, 17 Hollywood musicals and worked with nearly every famous band leader of the day.

The Andrews Sisters remain the most successful and enduring female vocal group in the history of show business.

Stories from the Hearth

A collection of warm and wonderful short stories of the Christmas Season will be available for your Holiday enjoyment.

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