



SALLY WIENER GROTTA

AUTHOR SPEAKER STORYTELLER

Sally Wiener Grotta is the consummate storyteller, reflecting her deep humanism and appreciation for the poignancy of life. As an award-winning journalist, she has authored many hundreds of articles, columns and reviews for scores of glossy magazines, newspapers and online publications, as well as numerous non-fiction books. She has traveled on assignment to all seven continents and many exotic islands, experiencing and writing about a wide diversity of cultures and traditions. Her recently published first novel *Jo Joe* is a compelling, beautifully crafted story that is gaining a reputation for stimulating open, honest discussions about bias and prejudice. A Jewish Book Council Network Author, Sally is a popular speaker who has appeared at numerous conferences, trade shows, schools, and other venues, as well as on radio and TV.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

With her wide-ranging knowledge and experience, and her lively personable style, Sally inspires her audiences to tap into their own creativity, to ask themselves questions they may not have considered previously, and to seek new solutions together. While every program is customized for the needs and interests of each specific group, here are a few examples:

Breaking the Rules of Modern Tribalism: It is so much more comfortable being with your “own kind.” But what are we missing out, as individuals and as a society, when we simply follow the rules of “This is what we do, who we know; those are not”?

The Creative Life: How can we strive for something beyond ourselves, for a connection that we can create between the self and the other, through art, through a considered life, through reaching beyond what is to what could be?

Reaching Across the Ethnic/Racial Divide: A interactive workshop exploring methods to use when approaching strangers, and how to make connections when walls exist among people.

Jo Joe Reading & Book Discussion: Explore the themes of *Jo Joe*, including the two-way street of prejudice, family dynamics and misunderstandings, etc. Sally will also answer questions about how and why she wrote the novel.

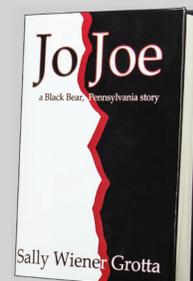
Discovering & Writing Your Story: A lecture or workshop on the nuts and bolts of developing and actually writing the story you’ve always wanted to do.

Talk with Sally about customizing a program for your school, organization or book club.

“A riveting read. Astute, psychologically believable and moving.”
– Rabbi Peg Kershenbaum

As a child, Judith Ormand was the only Jew — and the only Black — in a small insular Pennsylvania mountain village where she was raised by her white Christian grandparents. Now, she must reluctantly break her vow to never return to the town she learned to hate. During her one week visit, she buries and mourns her beloved grandmother, is forced to deal with the white boy who cruelly broke her heart, and is menaced by an old enemy. But with her traumatic discovery of a long buried secret, Judith finds more questions than answers about the prejudice that scarred her childhood.

(For discounts for volume book purchases contact Cynthia@PixelHallPress.com)



“An eye opener.”

“Invigorating.”

“Stimulating”

“It left me wired.”

“Personable, realistic and your range of knowledge is truly remarkable.”

“A very positive experience.”

“Time went by very quickly.”

LINKS

[Why do we hate?](#)

(video)

[Staring into the Mirror](#)

(essay)

[Minority Counterpoint](#)

(radio interview)

[Jo Joe Reading](#)

(video)

[Rave Reviews for Jo Joe](#)

[Jo Joe Study Guide](#)

[Free Excerpt of Jo Joe](#)

In addition to personal appearances, Sally can connect with groups via video chat, using Skype or Google Hangout.