

What Others Say About Judy

"Judy is the Pied Piper of storytelling."
The National Storytelling Network

"Judy's face changes like an actor's; her body is in constant motion like a dancer. The teachers were as enthralled as the students."
Clayton T. Matthews,
Director of Communications, Country Day Schools

"You have a great way of involving your audience and have a fun time. Thank you for helping us 'laugh it up' this summer."
Dick Strader
Willard Public Library, Battle Creek, MI

"It was a joy to have you as one of our featured storytellers. I will always remember the powerful story about your family. You have a lot of new admirers and fans in South Dakota."
George Nelson, Program Chair
Northern Prairie Storytelling Festival

"The class loved your workshop and so did I. It was perfect. I wish we could have done more."
Elsie Ritzenheim
Oakland University

"You truly have a special gift. I've never seen the children so engrossed!"
Sara Gagnon – Teacher
Neigebaur Early Childhood Center

"Definitely a '10' at our Middle School!"
Geri Ceremuga, Media Specialist
Pierce Middle School

"Thank you so much for your ideas and insights. They are making a difference at our school."
Amy Rominiecki
Mast Community Charter School,
Philadelphia, PA

*"Raising Voices:
I loved this book!"*
Carol Birch, Storyteller
Anne Izard Storyteller's Choice Award



Career Highlights

- BA Education, Wayne State University
- MA Library Science, University of Michigan
- Library Media Specialist, Fitzgerald Public Schools 1967-2004
- Storytelling 1987- present

Performances:

- Northern Prairie Storytelling Festival, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- Detroit Institute of Arts
- Jackson Story Fest
- Laramie Public Schools, Laramie, Wyoming
- State of Michigan Library – Read Across America
- Storytelling Along the Wabash, Vincennes, Indiana
- The Ark, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Mid-East Michigan Library Consortium
- Chicken Festival, Chillicothe, Missouri
- Bethel College, Elkhart, Indiana

Workshops:

- American Association of School Librarians
- International Reading Association
- National Storytelling Conference
- Northlands Storytelling Conference
- Missouri Association of School Librarians
- Michigan Association for Media in Education
- Michigan Reading Association
- Michigan Library Association
- Metropolitan Detroit Science Teachers Association
- Ontario Board of Education, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- Wayne State, Eastern, Central, and Oakland Universities
- Huron Valley Chautauqua Historical Storytelling Program

Affiliations:

- National Storytelling Network, Board of Directors
- Northlands Storytelling Network, Board of Directors
- The Chatterton Talespinners, Middle School Storytelling Troupe, founder, 1987-2004
- Fitzgerald Parent-Tellers, Adult Storytelling Guild, founder & facilitator, 1987-present
- American Association of School Librarians
- American Library Association
- Detroit Story League, President, 1996-1999
- International Reading Association
- Michigan Association for Media in Education
- Michigan Reading Association

Sharing the World of Stories



Judy Sima
Storyteller = Author = Educator

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Storyteller

Travel around the world and back again with stories from many parts of the globe and the best in Children's Literature. Judy's warm, engaging performances bubble over with humor, song, and loads of audience participation. Judy has been delighting audiences of all ages since 1987.

Educator

Known for interactive, practical workshops, Judy is featured at educational conferences across the nation. With 20 years experience coaching students and adults, she has helped many others become storytellers.

Judy's enthusiasm is contagious!

Author

- **Raising Voices: Creating Youth Storytelling Groups and Troupes**, Co-authored with Kevin Cordi (Libraries Unlimited)
- **Tales as Tools**, "Turning Parents into Tellers" (National Storytelling Press)
- **Beginner's Guide to Storytelling**, "Storyteller's Bookshelf" (National Storytelling Press)
- **Telling Stories to Children**, "Selecting Age Appropriate Stories" (National Storytelling Press)
- Articles in:
 - *The Yarnspinner*
 - *Storytelling Magazine*
 - *Teaching Tolerance*
 - *Library Talk*
 - *Media Spectrum*
 - *Book Links*
- **"The Great Big Enormous Turnip"**, *Good Character* (StoryWatchers Club DVD Series. Sax Media Group)



Award Winner

- Michigan Association for Media in Education Ruby Brown Award for Individual Excellence.
- National Storytelling Network Oracle Service and Leadership Award for the North Central Region
- Anne Izard Storytellers Choice Award
- Storytelling World Honor Book Award
- VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates) Five-Foot Bookshelf Essential Book
- Michigan Association of School Boards Rising Star Award



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Performances

- Around the World and Back Again
- Stories for Living Happily Ever After
- Fabulous Folktales
- Delightfully Frightful
- Campfire Tales
- Books Come Alive
- In the Jewish Tradition
- ...and more!



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Workshops

Young People and Families

- Student Stories Alive
- Campfire Tales
- Scary Storytelling
- Bare Bones Fables
- Photo Stories
- Story Building for Families

Educators, Librarians, Storytellers

- Storytelling? Yes, You Can!
- Literacy Alive: Using Storytelling to Strengthen Language Skills
- Raising Voices: Encouraging Youth Storytellers
- Telling Stories to Tots N' Tweens
- Storytelling in YOUR Classroom
- Adding Action to Your Storytelling
- Once Upon a Time... The Tools and Tales of Storytelling
- Storytelling Weekend at Your Place
- Making Magic with Middle School Programs

Author Visits

Writing Your Passion: Experiences and insights gained in the writing an award winning book.

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