

Storied is a look back at cherished moments in the lives of six women. Themes run the gamut: girl power, diva cats, women's shelter, lessons from Haiti, housing refugees, a fifty-year-old wedding cake. I enjoyed the stories immensely, sometimes with a tear, sometimes laughing out loud. Need inspiration to write a memoir? Written with love, wisdom and humour, *Storied* could well be the catalyst you need.

DIANE TAYLOR, author of the *Gift of Memoir*.

In this collection these six writers make a strong case for recording their life's multitude of experiences, its joys and sorrows, and in doing so provide their readers with many moments of pleasure.

EURITHE PURDY

Reading *Storied* was like sitting at my kitchen table with a pot of tea and good friends. Their voices pulled me deep into their hearts and homes where they've lived, laughed, and loved to the fullest. Staying hours at the table, I push everything else aside, eager to hear the stories from the strong, insightful, and passionate Circle of Six. I look forward to more!

JOY LYNN GODDARD, author of *Moonshadow*.

From the opening pages of "STORIED," the welcome mat was extended to readers. We were invited to "Come On In." And what an adventure the "Circle of Six" had for us. Within Canada we read stories set in Prince Edward County, Belleville, and Toronto, Ontario, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Alberta. We travelled to the United States and on to China, South Africa, London, England, Paris, France, India and Haiti. The authors

shared “slices of life” with their readers. We read about friendship, animals, precious family members, new immigrants and young women experiencing “Girl Power” for the first time. *STORIED* is thought-provoking and a delightful romp.

Warning: this book may challenge you to begin your own writing journey and to share your stories.

KERRY KING, Belleville

Fascinating anecdotes of childhood, youth and adulthood from six intelligent, thoughtful and mature women. I especially enjoyed the mother stories as they brought back favourite memories of my Mom. Inspired by these tales in this delightful collection, I intend to write a few stories this winter. As Mitch Albom said: “Sharing tales of those we’ve lost is how we keep from really losing them.”

ELAINE TRUMAN

These are thirty-six stories from the lives of 6 authors. The stories are snaps of life experiences and are as varied as the styles and happenings in everyday lives of these six ladies. A great read.

GEORGE L.K. – on Kobo, 24 October 2021 ****

Congratulations on publishing your book, with the Circle of Six! Wonderful memories for all of you. Fantastic achievement with all the praise and publicity you’ve received. Keep writing! Hugs from France.

SAMANTHA GOVERNATO – read on Kindle.

How I love a well-crafted short story! Why? Well for one thing, my time is limited so when it comes to short stories, I can read just a few pages before I close my eyes and be primed for a good night sleep. Also, I can take a book of short stories into any room of my house, (including the most private), enjoy one complete story from beginning to end and get closure without being held captive for hours on end. Now if truth be told, I especially looked forward to reading this book as two of its authors, Linda Bond and Wendy Russell-Sheppard actually were winners in my 2020 Tales2Inspire "Authors Helping Authors" contest. I recognized both of them as gifted writers, so I assumed the rest of their Circle of Six would be s well. They didn't disappoint.

Chronicles

I enjoyed each and every one, but let me highlight just a few of the standouts: "Twice Upon a Lifetime" is not just an amusing story of a celebratory 50th anniversary, unique in both this author's creativity and spunky sense of humor. How amazing that a 50-year-old cake is still worth savoring! Then there is "My Bethlehem", a story whose first line, "I broke up with Jesus a few months ago." literally took my breath away. How could any reader, no matter their religious persuasion, thumb past that story with such a curious introduction? And so I read on, to learn of her personal experiences with the wonders of mother nature, urging her back into the fold. Reminded me so much of the lyrics to the song, "I believe," popularized by Perry Como in my youth. I nearly wept aloud while reading "A Girl's Best Friend", and in truth, a few tears welled up in my eyes as I read. How could they not? This story evoked some nearly forgotten personal memories from my childhood. Yes, my shepherd collie

mix, Yippy, also got “stuck” to our neighbors husky, which I watched with a mixture of fear and wonderment. Her story also brought back hidden memories of the day I was nearly abducted by a man offering me a puppy he had stored in the back seat of his car, and the much warmer memory of the preteen crush I had on the boy with a sweep of golden blond hair.

And now that I think about it, that’s the beauty of well crafted non-fiction short stories: They often help us travel back in time, evoke memories from our past and share in ones others have experienced, from laughter to sorrow from wonder to clarity. Get this book and read every story from cover to cover. It won't disappoint!

Thank you to this Circle of Six talented gals for allowing me to enter your individual worlds of wonder. I enjoyed every moment!

Lois W. Stern
Creator of Tales2inspire, U.S.A

You might ask, “What is Storied?”

Storied is a journey through some of life’s special moments from six very different perspectives.

One perspective has us sharing a beautiful memoir to a dear childhood friend. One describes facing a critical reality check at the local gym. One writer shares her experience of growing up in Africa, meeting her in-laws in London, England, and eventually deciding which version of cottage life in Canada suits best.

Under the heading of “Boat Sex”, one discusses imagination versus reality! Another expresses a lesson in gratitude & humility learned while visiting Haiti after Hurricane Matthew, and still another would have us examine our own moral compass.

This is only the tip of the iceberg of the powerful and touching stories of the six women who co-authored, “Storied”.

Sharon Muir, Belleville.

A very enjoyable read with something for everyone. Each story is unique and from a different perspective but the book as a whole feel connected and welcoming. I think we can all find something of our own lives in many of these stories, which is comforting, but the variety in each author's voice also keeps the book feeling fresh, offering new perspectives along the way.

Debi G, Belleville.

Linda Bond
Nell Davidson
Kim Fedor
Donna McDonald
Wendy Russell-Sheppard
Pat Whittaker