

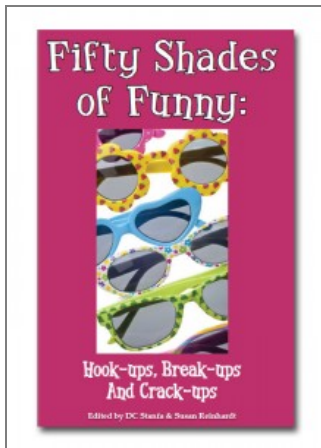
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Writers' Workshop



Humor writers join farces



Award-winning humor writer Susan Reinhardt (*Not Tonight Honey*, *Wait 'Til I'm a Size Six* and *Don't Sleep with a Bubba*) and author DC Stanfa (*The Art of Table Dancing: Escapades of an Irreverent Woman*) have joined farces to edit a humor anthology titled *Fifty Shades of Funny: Hook-ups, Break-ups and Crack-ups*.

The two met at the 2006 Erma Bombeck Writers' Workshop, became "fast friends" and sought out a number of other EBWW faculty and

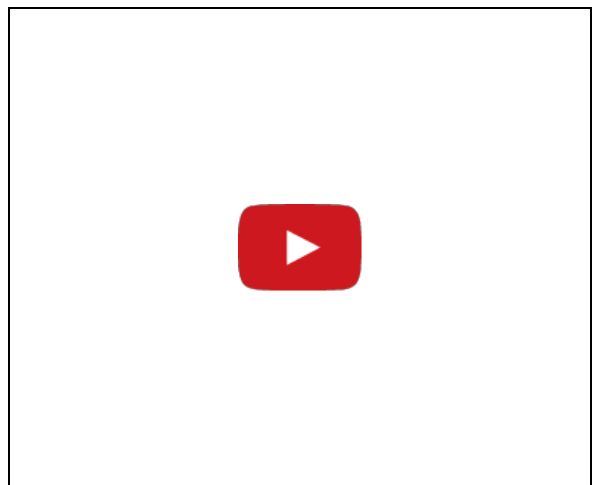
participants for the book. Reinhardt, Tracy Beckerman, W. Bruce Cameron and Leigh Anne Jasheway-Bryant have all served on the EBWW faculty, and several other contributors are past winners of the Erma Bombeck writing competition.

The anthology features stories by both Reinhardt and Stanfa as well as some of the most successful humor writers and bloggers in the country, including Bruce Cameron from *The 8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter* fame, and *Writer's Digest* Break-Out Author of the Year, Hollis Gillespie, author of *Bleachy-Haired Honky Bitch* and *Confessions of a Recovering Slut*.

Also contributing to the project is Nikki Knepper, founder of *Moms Who Drink and Swear*, whose book by the same name is due out in April 2013. Other contributors are nationally syndicated columnist Tracy Beckerman of the "*Lost in Suburbia*" blog, who also signed a recent book deal, and Robin O'Bryant, blogger and author of the best-selling, "*Ketchup is a Vegetable and Other Lies Moms Tell Themselves*."

The PG 13(ish)-rated anthology showcases a collection of eclectic, ironic, often embarrassing and always hilarious stories of relationship mishaps. The stories seem to fit like your perfect little black dress, but with a twist: This time it's a little black rubber dress. (Spoiler Alert: Those librarians can be quite naughty once the doors close and the moon rises.)

Reflections of Erma



Humor writer of the month

Judy Carter



Judy Carter is a motivational humorist, stress reduction expert and author of three books — *The Message of You Journal: Finding Extraordinary Stories in an Ordinary Day*, *The Message of You* and *The Comedy Bible*. She is a regular contributor to [Psychology](#)

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Tales include exploding hair caked in Final Net and flaming Lee Press-On nails, to one contributor's ongoing tumultuous relationship with pool boys. *Fifty Shades of Funny* offers up unconventional and often prickly pairings, like one writer's harrowing relationship with her mother's horrendous hairdo, and a consuming obsession-confession from a man who explores life, death, and his love and desire for a popular snack cake, Little Debbie—a tart in more ways than one. There's also a comical confession from a cougar-in-training, and one man's transgression with a "woman in a box" that he bought at a store.

Fifty Shades of Funny is sweet, salty and spicy followed with some just desserts and some unjust desertsions. (Second Spoiler Alert: You didn't really think The Hot Drummer was going to marry her, did you?)

The book is available in both print and e-book editions at Amazon.com. For more information, visit the [website](#).

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Today. A popular and hysterical speaker, she has given keynote speeches for more than 1,000 companies and appears frequently on television shows, sharing the stage with Billy Crystal, Robin Williams, Lily Tomlin and Deepak Chopra, among others.

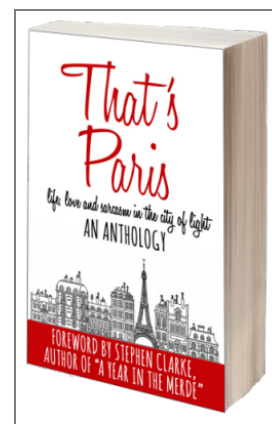
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Who's publishing what?

That's Paris



The newly published anthology, *That's Paris: Life, Love and Sarcasm in the City of Light* (Velvet Morning Press), includes a story by Lucia Paul. Her piece, "Chaperon et Liberté," is a fictional story of a mother chaperoning her son's trip to Paris, and how she spends the one afternoon she has to herself. Author proceeds from sales of *That's Paris* benefit the charity Room to Read, which supports literacy and gender equality in education.

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