



# SALLY WIENER GROTTA

## USING STORYTELLING & CREATIVITY TO BUILD BRIDGES

**Sally Wiener Grotta** is the consummate storyteller, reflecting her deep humanism and appreciation for the poignancy of life. With her wide-ranging knowledge, 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. She is an award-winning journalist, author and speaker, who has traveled on assignment to all seven continents and many exotic islands, experiencing and writing about a wide diversity of cultures and traditions. Sally's adventures and experiences flavor her stories and presentations with a sense of wonder and otherliness, plus a healthy dose of common sense. A popular speaker, Sally has appeared in venues large and small throughout North America, plus on radio and TV.

### PROGRAMS OFFERED

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, as individuals and as a society, when we simply follow the rules of "This is what we do, who we know; those are not"?

**Building a Richer Society:** A healthy, growing economy requires creative problem solving, innovative development, and being open to new ideas and new ways of thinking. How can we mine the wealth of our diversity to ensure our future as a culture and an economy?

**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.

**Book Discussion:** Explore the themes of *Jo Joe* or *The Winter Boy*, including the two-way street of prejudice; family dynamics and misunderstandings; the roots of hate, anger and war; and solutions that we may find together. Sally will also answer questions about how and why she wrote the novel.

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

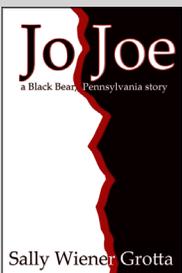
*"An eye opener."  
"Invigorating."  
"Stimulating"  
"It left me wired."  
"Personable, realistic  
and your range of  
knowledge is truly  
remarkable."  
"A listening instructor."  
"Time went by very  
quickly."*

### VIDEOS



To view Sally in action go to the [Videos page](#) of her website

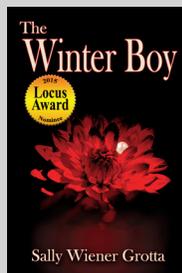
In addition to personal appearances, Sally can connect with groups via video chat, using Skype or Zoom.



A multi-racial Jewish woman confronts her first love, is menaced by a violent old enemy, and uncovers a secret about the bigotry that scarred her childhood.

**A Jewish Book Council Network Book**

Reminiscent of Margaret Atwood and Ursula K. LeGuin, *The Winter Boy* explores political and social issues within a dynamic, character-driven otherworld.



**A Locus Award Nominee**