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Discoveries – A Journey Through Life

Like the flash and dart of dragonflies, other busy lives surround ours as we prance unaware through our own world. Shirley Ann Parker of West Hills, CA has published an absorbing collection of short stories titled *Discoveries: A Journey Through Life*. Each story in this collection captures the events of everyday life—and the not so everyday—with warmth, humor and compassion. The book is available now in laminated, perfect bound paperback from www.buybooksontheweb.com.

Says an avid reader from northern California, “Shirley Ann Parker has a talent for using the short story format to develop vivid characters and tightly knit stories. In addition, she has a wide range and depth of understanding people and the human condition.”

Unsolicited comments from southern California readers include:

“I loved *Old Man Shever*. I was right there in that house with that little boy and all those people.”

“My husband kept borrowing your book from me and finished it before I did. We loved it.”

“*The Bouquet* touched at the heart strings. And the others? Wow! You’re inside my head! How did you do that?”

Shirley Ann Parker is a visual and humane writer with a delightful sense of humor. Each gem of a story portrays a powerful sense of place, even when life’s smaller crises are held up to the light. From the joys and exasperations of daily living to magical realism, from *Old Man Shever* to *The Refuge*, these 17 stories weave a colorful tapestry of life’s discoveries.

DISCOVERIES - A Journey Through Life; Shirley Ann Parker; Infinity Publishing [519 West Lancaster Avenue, Haverford, Pennsylvania 19041-1413, toll-free (877) 289-2665, or fax to (610) 519-0261]; October 2001; \$14.95; 211 pages; ISBN 0-7414-0771-X. Laminated, perfect bound trade paperback. Order from: www.buybooksontheweb.com

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL DATA



Shirley Ann Parker's fiction and non-fiction for all ages has appeared in a variety of publications, including *Ford Times*, the *Denver Post*, and *The Christian Science Monitor*, as well as the *When We Were Young* anthologies, published by A Community of Voices in Santa Barbara, California. She is a senior technical writer and editor, although she prefers creative writing and journalistic pursuits.

Through the business she started, Topaz Cove Creations, Parker is a member of the Publishers Marketing Association. She is a professional member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and a senior member of the Society for Technical Communication, in addition to being a member of the National Notary Association and The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Parker earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, with a minor in Communications, graduating with multiple honors from Weber State University in Ogden, Utah.

Her other interests include reading (especially "cozy" mysteries), animals, photography, tennis, and marine life. She was born and raised in southern England and has lived and worked in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota and Utah, in addition to two extended stays in California. She now resides in West Hills, California with her husband, Ken, and two cats, Sadie and Figaro. Visit her evolving website at www.shirleyannparker.com

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