

OUR LIST OF Loves ...



Judy Young

Judy Young is the award-winning author of several children's books. Her first book, *S is for Show Me, A Missouri Alphabet* was selected to represent Missouri at the 2008 National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. Judy has also written *Minnow and Rose, Lazy Days of Summer, H is for Hook, A Fishing Alphabet*, and *Show Me the Number, A Missouri Number Book*. Her new book, *The Hidden Bestiary of Marvelous, Mysterious and (maybe even) Magical Creatures*, was just released in September, and her next book, *The Missouri Reader* is set for release in April 2010. Judy lives in Springfield with her husband, Ross. Visit www.judyyoungpoetry.com for more information.



Day trip: Hercules Glades Wilderness Area in the Mark Twain National Forest near Bradleyville **Natural wonder:** Big Spring near Van Buren **Book or author:** *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll **Inspiration spot:** There's a little country lane near my house that I take a walk on almost everyday. **Restaurant:** Mexican Villa in Springfield **Hometown hot spot:** The Springfield Conservation Nature Center **Music:** Jazz and rock **Missourah or Missouree:** Missouree **What did you want to be when you were little:** When I was real little, I wanted to be Tinker Bell. A little older, a professional water skier (neither happened!) **Last movie I saw:** *Across the Universe* **Mark Twain quote:** A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read.



Susan McBride

Susan McBride is the author of *The Debs* young adult series, including *The Debs; Love, Lies, and Texas Dips*, and *Gloves Off*. She has also written five Debutante Dropout Mysteries for HarperCollins/Avon. Susan's first stand-alone title, *The Cougar Club*, about three forty-something friends in St. Louis who happen to date younger men, will be out in paperback in January 2010. Susan has won a Lefty Award for Best Humorous Mystery and a Romantic Times Magazine Reviewers' Choice Award for Best Amateur Sleuth Mystery. She lives in Brentwood with her husband. Visit www.susanmcbride.com for more information.



Day trip: The Crown Ridge Tiger Sanctuary, antiquing in Ste. Genevieve, a visit to Mo'sart Studio, and pie at the Anvil Saloon **Natural wonder:** The Mississippi River **Book or author:** *Gone With the Wind* **Inspiration spot:** Missouri Botanical Garden. My husband and I snap pics of the gorgeous trees, flowers, and sculptures. I keep a handful framed and hanging in my writing room. They remind me to relax and smell the roses. **Restaurant:** Frank Papa's Ristorante in Brentwood **Hometown hot spot:** Tilles Park **Music:** Def Leppard, but I drooled over Yo-Yo Ma playing with the Saint Louis Symphony. **Missourah or Missouree:** Missouree **What did you want to be when you were little:** I thought I'd be a lawyer or a teacher because I liked to argue and I loved going to school. **Last movie I saw:** *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* **Mark Twain quote:** If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.



Morley Swingle

Morley Swingle has been the prosecuting attorney for Cape Girardeau County for more than twenty years. He is the author of two mystery novels with legal themes, *The Gold of Cape Girardeau*, winner of the 2005 Governor's Book Award from the Missouri Humanities Council, and *Bootheel Man*, a finalist for the 2008 William Rockhill Nelson Award for fiction. He has also written a true crime and humor memoir about being a prosecutor, *Scoundrels to the Hoosegow: Perry Mason Moments and Entertaining Cases from the Files of a Prosecuting Attorney*.



Day trip: A Broadway show at the Fox Theatre in St. Louis. **Natural wonder:** Albert Pujols of the St. Louis Cardinals **Book or author:** Mark Twain is my favorite writer, but the best book I've read recently is *The Girl Who Played With Fire* by Stieg Larsson. **Inspiration spot:** The courtroom in the Boone County Courthouse in Columbia. I've tried some of my most exciting jury trials there. **Restaurant:** El Torero in Cape Girardeau **Hometown hot spot:** The Common Pleas Courthouse in Cape Girardeau **Music:** Today it's *Clair de Lune* by Claude Debussy, especially when played by my daughter, Olivia. **Missourah or Missouree:** Missouree. I don't trust people who pronounce it the other way. **What did you want to be when you were little?** I wanted to be a doctor just like our pediatrician, the late Dr. James Kinder of Cape Girardeau. Chemistry classes at Mizzou helped change my mind. **Last movie I saw:** *Killshot* **Mark Twain quote:** It's better to keep your mouth shut and appear stupid than to open it and remove all doubt.