

CHERYL HARNESS

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Why you should invite
CHERYL HARNESS
to speak to your group:
She's experienced,
flexible & professional.
She's historical!

"[Cheryl] Harness has an uncanny knack for making history fun. She breathes life into the past."
Gannett News Service

About Cheryl Harness, Speaker, Author, & Illustrator

"She is a regular participant in the Children's Literature Festival...where she speaks to hundreds of children each day...Cheryl's presentations combine history, art, and humor as she talks about writing and illustrating her books. She does a wonderful job of holding the interest of children and adults alike...I have watched the children as Cheryl speaks and I can see the enjoyment on their faces, and they don't even realize they are receiving valuable information."

Professor Naomi Williamson, Children's Literature Festival Director, University of Central MO

"Keep up the great work you are doing by bringing joy to so many of our Nation's young people."

*41st President
George H.W. Bush*

"[She's] not one of those people who say 'This is a book I wrote. Anyone got any questions?'"

*Audra,
elementary student*

"Cheryl Harness is one of the best speakers we've ever had. She's delightful & knowledgeable."

*Marlena Boggs, Adult
Services Specialist,
Mid-Continent Public Library*

"...an exciting, educational, entertaining day."

*Traci Henning,
Roosevelt Elementary
School, Hays, KS*

"She started her presentation, out came her harmonica and the students were spellbound. Cheryl was able to keep the attention of the various age groups because her program is diverse and moves right along. ...I've been to several other authors' presentations and Cheryl's is by far the best."

Linda Cable, teacher, Round Mountain, NV

"... a very dynamic person and a wonderful public speaker...I walked away with a big smile on my face and a renewed sense of happiness and energy."

*Reid Lerner, Cottonwood Point Elementary School,
Overland Park, KS*

www.cherylharness.com

What people say about CHERYL HARNESS & her PRESENTATIONS:

About Cheryl, the visiting author:
"You Rock and you are cool."

Erica, elementary student

"CHERYL COULD EASILY PERFORM AT ANY STAND-UP COMEDY CLUB. Keeping the attention of a bunch of wiggly fourth graders is not an easy task. To do it with humor and grace is a real talent-Cheryl Harness exhibited an abundance of both easily captivating the students and adults, alike." Sheilah Egan,
www.childrenslit.com

"Cheryl brings expertise at so many levels in her presentation to teachers, librarians, parents and ... all the children in the audience. [We] had Cheryl present as a keynote speaker, she dressed in a costume that represented the main character in her latest book. This only added to the wonderful presentation Cheryl always brings to the audience."

*Benjamin E. Sapp, M.A.
Director, Mazza Museum,
University of Findlay*

"I knew you'd be swell as our speaker, but you did a lot better than swell. It was like supersized swell. I loved it and everyone else did too."

*David Harrison, author,
educator, poet, speaker*

"I want to share with you how much I enjoyed your 'conversation' with our freshman students at last week's award banquet... Your inspirational speech was a perfect 'kickoff' for what we plan to be an annual event."

*Dr. Larry E. Ewing Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools,
Fort Osage R-1 School District,
Independence, MO*

"...the only funny assembly we've had all year."

Bryce, elementary student

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HISTORY
at your
next
event!



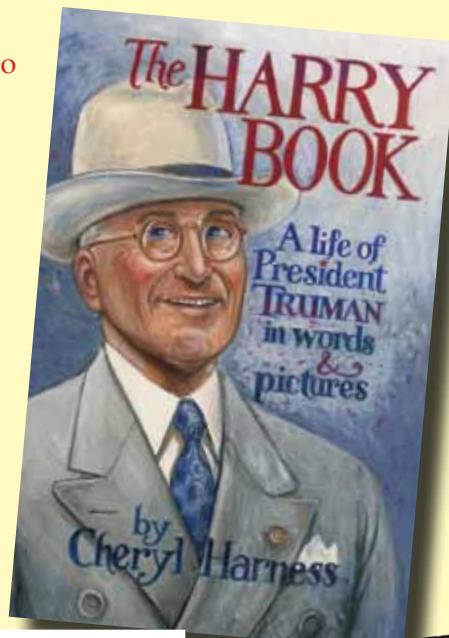
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SPEAKER, AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

She's Historical!

"What a joy to have Cheryl Harness's gifts of art and her passion for history to bring to life our city's favorite son!"

Barbara J. Potts,
former Mayor of Independence, MO

- Interested in finding out about Cheryl's books and how to get them?
- Want to know how to use *The Harry Book* or *Grab Hold of the Past* to raise funds for your school or organization?
- Wondering how to have Cheryl Harness speak to your group?



The HARRY BOOK is packed with detailed illustration and lively writing about the people & places, life & times of Harry S. Truman, citizen, farmer, businessman, WWI soldier, politician, devoted husband, father, and 33rd U.S. President.



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Cheryl's latest book: **GRAB HOLD of the PAST** is based upon her dynamic program, *How Understanding the PAST Empowers Your PRESENT & Enriches Your FUTURE*. Besides Cheryl's historical insights gained from years of reading, writing, and painting the great moments and individuals in America's past, **G.H. of the P.** is loaded with cool quotations and tips for encouraging kids' interest in history, their family's and the nation's. "There's a heck of a lot more to history than battles and dead people's birthdays! **C.H.**"

• ABOUT CHERYL HARNESS •

The oldest of the seven Harness kids grew up in Missouri. Cheryl graduated with a B.S. in Art Education from the University of Central MO, where her 21-year-old self was so boggled by student teaching that she abandoned the classroom for an art career. Amusement park portraits. Greeting card and needlework design. All of this and more led Cheryl to what? To her "perfect work," that which she encourages everyone in her audiences to find: the best use of her or his own talents and precious time on earth. Cheryl went on to illustrate and/or write many a book, including a critically acclaimed novel for young readers. All of these experiences and more led Cheryl to where? *Back to school.*

Now, thousands of students, teachers, and others have laughed and learned with her fast-paced and educational presentations. Sure, she engages the hearts and minds of her listeners with her passion for our nation's history, her love of books, her drawing, some lively Q & A, and maybe her harmonica! Most of all though, Cheryl shares the **serious fun** to be found in putting together a work of art: a painting, a book, or a rich life of your very own.

CHERYL HARNESS has written &/or illustrated nearly 50 books, specializing in American historical subjects, for such publishers as Simon & Schuster, HarperCollins, and the National Geographic. She has appeared on C-SPAN BookTV, presented at more than 300 schools around the nation, at the Harry S. Truman and John F. Kennedy Presidential Libraries, and at the Smithsonian Museum of American History. *Experienced, professional, & easy to work with – Cheryl will be the perfect match for your next program.*

WHAT PEOPLE HAVE SAID ABOUT CHERYL & HER BOOKS

Ghosts of the White House
(Simon & Schuster, 1998)
"... [a] unique approach to the history of the White House and its inhabitants."
President Bill Clinton

Remember the Ladies
(HarperCollins, 2001)
"Your book is a wonderful introduction of women who have helped to pave the way for many successful women today."
Justice Sandra Day O'Connor,
U.S. Supreme Court

The Revolutionary John Adams
(National Geographic, 2003)
"Cheryl Harness's illustrations and text are a delight, appropriately full of life and understanding."
David McCullough, historian/biographer

The Harry Book (TimePie Press, 2009)
"All ages will be able to absorb the true history story of an exceptional man and his beloved Independence."
Sharon Snyder, historic preservationist,
former librarian

"I'd encourage any young reader to scan their libraries and bookstores for more splendid nonfiction by [Cheryl] Harness." *Knoxville TN News-Sentinel*

CHERYL'S TOP TOPICS ~ *She's historical!*

• How Understanding the PAST Empowers Your PRESENT & Enriches Your FUTURE

(Vision, Purpose, Citizenship)

Where do YOU fit in, in this republic of ours, a.k.a. the U.S.A.? What part do you play in this ongoing opera, known as life on earth? Look behind you: The answers are in the past. Learn how to cultivate a sense of history and 10 Big Fat Reasons why you'd want to. Hint: The past is loaded with some amazing dead people. Learn from their lives how to improve yours and make the world a better place.

• Watch for Cheryl's NEW book:

GRAB HOLD of the PAST!

• 13 Miles to Perfect

(Leadership, Life Mastery, Core Values, Role Models)

HOW DO YOU GET TO YOUR BEST SELF? Ben Franklin, a brilliant young businessman in colonial Philadelphia, was determined to find out. He came up with a 13-Point Perfection Plan. Learn what can Ben's Plan can do for you in this dynamic, story-filled program.

• TRIUMPH, TRAGEDY - and GHOSTS?

All About the White House plus the People (and Pets) Who Have Lived Within its Walls (*Perfect for Presidents' Day, ideal any time a lively, informative program is called for.*)

• Muse Bulletins From the Front

(Goal-setting, Creative decision-making, Communication)

A fizzy program on idea-sparking, muse-tending, word-smithing, fact-finding, designing, drawing, and doing what's necessary to take your project, whatever it is, from start to finish, wrapped around the art of the picture book.

• Remember the Ladies:

100 Great American Women & Girls

(A lively telling of American 'herstory,' an ideal program for Women's History Month - fun and downright interesting any time of year!)

• George Washington Carver:

More to the Story than Peanuts

(Target: Anyone interested in the pursuit of dreams and truth.)

A child born into slavery and war goes on a quest for education and becomes an artist, scientist, teacher, and healer, known around the world. **Catch the vision!**