

2019 Fort Worth BookFest Author Interview Series



... with **J. L. Novinsky**, author of **Heart of the Oak** and **Horace and Giselle**

Where is your favorite place to read?

In my recliner in the living room, when the house is very quiet, which can be rare, with my two dogs always wanting attention. So first, I have to wear them out, then we can all settle down!

What is your favorite book to give an adult or a child?

My first book, *Heart of the Oak*! I always say, it's appropriate for ages 5-100. The language is a little sophisticated for the very young, but can help a grade school child encounter new vocabulary. For adults, the story is very touching, and may even require tissues.

What books do you return to most often, whether passages or whole?

The Bible is the book I return to.

What is the last book that had you reading past your bedtime?

A Gentleman in Moscow. The writing is just beautiful, and the story is very sweet, with a good historical backdrop, and a great twist at the very end!

Who made reading important to you?

I believe it was my dad. He was a high school English and History teacher. I remember when I was young, lying on the floor, in the doorway of my bedroom, reading all the Trixie Belden books.

BONUS QUESTION: What is your favorite book set in the southwest?

Texas Obscurities, by E.R. Bills

Author Bio

J.L. Novinsky lives outside of Dallas with her husband, son, two dogs, and parrot named Yoyo. Her older son adopted from St. Petersburg, Russia, lives across town with his family, including her only grandson, Ayven. She spends hours each week working in a small vegetable garden and several other gardens in the yard. J.L. loves to watch for caterpillars, and will gladly sacrifice a plant to allow them to grow and eventually change to the miracle that is a butterfly.

Novinsky graduated from college at the young age of 60, and while attending, discovered her love of writing children's stories. In her first book, *Heart of the Oak*, she recalls writing the first paragraph and the last, but everything in between just poured through her hands to the keyboard, while blinded by tears. Her second story, *Horace and Giselle*, popped into her head as she was going to bed one night, right down to the character's names. J.L. Novinsky is humbled and thankful for this precious gift of writing. Will there be another story? Only God knows!

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