

## 2019 Fort Worth BookFest Author Interview Series



... with **Ernestine Rose**, author of *Seasons* and other titles...

### Where is your favorite place to read?

Outside. Patio, park, front porch, boat deck, car. I fall asleep reading indoors.

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

My own *Seasons: My Journey through Grief or Healing after Loss* by Martha Whitmore Hickman for adults. *Wimpy Kid* or *Dork Diary* books for my grandchildren.

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

I “revisit the text” in my Toni Morrison and Alice Walker books often. They’re my favorites. Having taught them, I’ve reread *Huck Finn*, *The Scarlet Letter*, *A Tale of Two Cities*, *Invisible Man* & *Their Eyes Were Watching God* so many times!

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

*God Help the Child* by Toni Morrison. I reread her last novel just after she died. I guess I wanted to make her live a little longer.

### Who made reading important to you?

Indirectly, my parents. They were either working or going to bed early and left me to entertain myself. Directly, I had two English teachers in high school that helped me develop my love of books. They team-taught my last two years and inspired me to follow what I loved best, to become an English teacher.

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

I’m trying so hard to remember the books I used for the Southwest category for UIL Academic prose and poetry contests, and I honestly cannot recall them. I mostly read stories set in New York, Chicago, or the deep south.

### Author Bio

Ernestine Rose grew up on the west side of Chicago during the turbulent 50's and 60's. Adopted by an older couple, she spent a great deal of time as a child reading and participating in dance and drama club activities in school. Bradley University and the University of Dallas prepared her for a successful career as a teacher of English, speech, and theater in Peoria and Fort Worth, where she earned numerous educator awards. She retired from teaching full time in 2011 and moved to Houston in 2017.

As a retired public school teacher and mother of four sons, she made her debut as an author with the publication of three books: *7 Tips for A Successful Marriage*, *Raising the Roses*, and *Tales from the Family Tree*, all in 2012. She later produced a romance novel, *Monday Morning Blues*. Her most recent work reflects her experience as a caretaker and widow, *Seasons: My Journey through Grief*. Inspired by Toni Morrison and Alice Walker, her focus in both writing and theater is on the power of language, love, and family.

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