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CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES WITH ELIZABETH FISHEL

Ever dream of leaving your children a written legacy - the story of your life? Think your autobiography would be more fascinating than the short history of Michael Jackson or Britney Spears? Let author **Elizabeth Fishel** show you how to get started on creating a memoir. Her talk will just be a taste of courses she has offered at UC (Berkeley and Santa Cruz) and in the Radcliffe Seminars Program at Harvard, including "Writing for Magazines," and "Writing Nonfiction from Personal Experience." Most recently, she has taught and lectured on memoir writing.

Reunion: The Girls We Used to Be, The Women We Became, (Random House, 2000) is Elizabeth Fishel's fourth book. It is a collective memoir that follows a group of ten of her classmates at a New York City girls' school and explores how they've coped with the changes of the past three decades and what traits have enabled some to thrive and caused others to flail. Fishel graduated in 1968 the day after Robert Kennedy was assassinated, and the social and political after-shocks of that year reverberate through her classmates' lives and this book.

Fishel's earlier three books all concern women's identity against the background of family relationships: *Sisters* (William Morrow, '78; Conari Press paperback, '98), *The Men In Our Lives* (William Morrow, '85; Quill, '85), and *Family Mirrors* (Houghton Mifflin, '91), reissued by Conari in '94 as *I Swore I'd Never Do That: Recognizing Family Patterns and Making Wise Parenting Choices*, which was the winner of the Parents' Choice Award for Best Parenting Book of '91. *Sisters* has been reissued in five editions and several foreign translations, and after twenty years is still considered one of the seminal books on sisterhood.

For more than twenty-five years, Fishel has also written extensively for magazines, including *McCall's*, *Vogue*, *Redbook*, *Parents, Ms.*, *Parenting*, *the New York Times Book Review* and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. She lives in Oakland, California with her husband, Robert Houghteling and their two teenage sons.

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