

Class of 1988 Presents: Readings and Discussion

The Art and Science of Personal Story Telling

Saturday, June 4
5:00 PM
Rockefeller Hall, Room 212



Valarie Walker '88 is an educator, actress, writer and storyteller. If she were an element on the periodic table it would be listed under catalyst because those who interact with her are forever changed. Her big screen credits include a featured role in The Watermelon Woman, and on the small, commercials, and PSAs. An accomplished storyteller, having won several *Moth Story Slams*, her story of meeting Ruby Bridges was featured on *the Moth Radio Hour*. Most recently she recently published an adult coloring book for lesbians. She received a storytelling residency with *Keepsake House* for 2023 season.



MB Caschetta '88 is a recipient of the Vassar's W.K. Rose Fellowship for Emerging Artists, a Sherwood Anderson Foundation Writing Award, and the Seattle Review Fiction Prize. She is the author of two short story collections and the acclaimed novel, Miracle Girls. Her memoir in essays, A Cheerleader's Guide to Spiritual Enlightenment, (Engine Books, Nov 2022) was a finalist for the Publishing Triangle's Judy Grahn Award in Nonfiction and was the winner of a Bronze Medal from the Independent Publisher Award for Creative Nonfiction. MB's work has appeared in various literary magazines and other publications, including the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *New York Times*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *New Scientist*, and most recently, *The Vassar Quarterly*.



Denise Schipani '88 writes the "Doing My Breast: Adventures in Cancer" blog for Everyday Health.com, where she's a contributor. Over the years, she's been an editor at magazines including *Child*, *American Baby*, *Parents*, *Bridal Guide* and *Zest* (in the U.K.). Her articles and essays have appeared in numerous publications, including the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Woman's Day*, *Women's Health*, *Parenting*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, *ReadBrightly.com*, *Babble.com*, and others. She's the author of Mean Moms Rule: Why Doing the Hard Stuff Now Creates Good Kids Later (Sourcebooks) and has published essays in P.S.: What I Didn't Say: Unsent Letters to Our Female Friends (Seal Press), and Fits, Starts, and Matters of the Heart (Freelance Success).

Alums From All Classes Welcome
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