



**Author Faith Paulus presents a compelling true story of life within a Catholic Children's Home, as seen through the eyes of a child of the Sixties**

Oceanside, CA – California author Faith Paulus has penned her first book with *Popcorn Poppin' on the Apricot Tree*. Ms. Paulus replays her own childhood character *Annie Peters*, who struggles to understand her mother's deteriorating mental health, while coming-of-age under the watchful eye of the Catholic Church. As this animated true story unfolds, we learn how the efforts of five Peters Children to maintain their independence within the confining walls of St. Vincent's Home, comes to mirror a much larger rift between the changing governmental institutions, and a virtually exploding pop culture.

Laced with humorous anecdotes and moving images, *Popcorn Poppin' on the Apricot Tree* is sure to evoke dormant memories for fellow Baby Boomers, while stirring the curiosity of *all* generations as we follow Annie Peters through the childlike innocence and illusions that characterized 1960's America. The final chapter leaps 32 years forward with a recap of their lives as the siblings return for a Michigan Lake House reunion during the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy of 2001.

The title, *Popcorn Poppin' on the Apricot Tree*, was a favorite song that was taught to the children before the onset of their mother's illness, and also symbolizes the underlying confusion of the times. A discovery of family photographs and recipes which date back to eighteenth century Michigan, was the spark of motivation behind Ms. Paulus writings, and can be found within the context of the book.

Despite lengthy court battles during a time that our government hesitated in granting paternal guardianship, the children's father remained a strong and nurturing figure in their young lives.

Formerly a University Professor, the author's mother still remains institutionalized and under the care of the Michigan State Mental Health System for the treatment of schizophrenia.

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### **About The Author – FAITH PAULUS**

Faith Paulus lives in Oceanside, CA, a coastal town near San Diego. She is an accomplished interior designer and former corporate marketing and public relations executive. When not writing, she and her husband Bo spend much of their time together renovating and designing historical homes in the San Diego beach cities.

Faith hopes her next book will be written from the jungles of Costa Rica, where she and Bo have obtained a large piece of untamed land with an inspiring view of the blue Pacific. She also enjoys traveling, gardening and exploring all the wonders of Nature. The couple has two grown daughters and a lively golden retriever named Abigail Rose.

### **Popcorn Poppin' on the Apricot Tree**

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