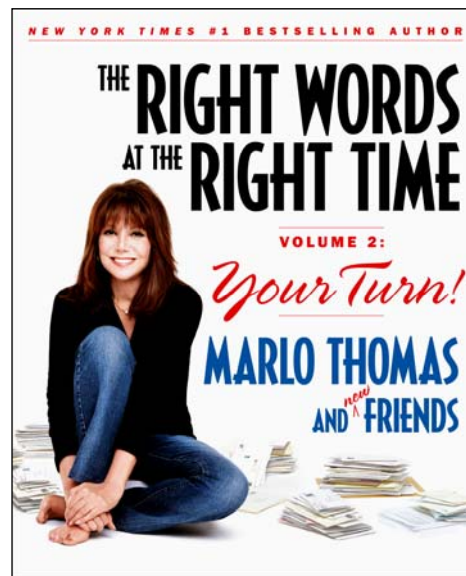


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From big cities to farm communities, from office cubicles to hospital wards, from Normandy Beach to Boston's Fenway Park, the contributors to this remarkable volume—selected from among thousands in a nationwide search—tell riveting stories about the words that changed their lives forever.



When Atria Books published *The Right Words at the Right Time* in the spring of 2002, author Marlo Thomas was stunned by its impact on readers across the country. The immediate response to that collection of stories—contributed by 108 world-famous icons, from Muhammad Ali and Billy Crystal to Paul McCartney and Oprah Winfrey—was both heartwarming and eye-opening: Everywhere Thomas went, readers wanted to share “right words” stories of their own, explaining how just the right turn of phrase spoken at precisely the right moment had changed their lives forever.

The overwhelming reaction to *Right Words*—which became an instant *New York Times* #1 bestseller—persuaded Thomas to conduct a nationwide contest, inviting thousands of “everyday people” to submit essays that recalled a similar turning point in their lives. Now Thomas presents the winners of that search in **THE RIGHT WORDS AT THE RIGHT TIME, Volume 2: Your Turn!** (Atria Books; April 25, 2006; \$25.00).

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As with the first book, the stories in *Right Words 2* are at once strikingly personal and universally inspiring. Like the tale of a Gulf War veteran, whose life was transformed by just two words spoken to him by a young stranger at a Burger King. Or the aimless garage mechanic, who found salvation in a Help Wanted ad. Or the unsuspecting mother of three, who made a heart-warming discovery about her grandmother's "racy past." The book also includes four special stories, in which the writers recall how words alone helped them to extract a measure of hope from the personal devastation brought about by the events of September 11, 2001.

As this astonishing anthology proves, the "right words" can come from anywhere—the pages of a dusty old songbook, the pulpit of a neighborhood church, the echoes from a battlefield, a hand-stitched sampler hanging on a wall, and even a child's simple expression of love.

The perfect book for anyone who seeks inspiration, needs a hero and loves a good story, **THE RIGHT WORDS AT THE RIGHT TIME, Vol. 2: Your Turn!**, will move, touch, engage and entertain readers everywhere—and may even help them to find the right words in their own lives.

All royalties from the sale of *Right Words 2* will go to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, which was founded by Marlo Thomas' father, Danny Thomas, in 1962.

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