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NEWS RELEASE

BOMBECK BIOGRAPHY NOW IN E-BOOK FORMAT; PROCEEDS SUPPORT WRITERS' WORKSHOP

DAYTON, Ohio — *Erma Bombeck: Writer and Humorist*, the only authorized biography about one of America's greatest humor writers, is now available in e-book format.

The 103-page biography, written by Lynn Hutner Colwell, was originally published as a hardcover book by Enslow Publishers but is out of print. The new e-book can be purchased for \$8.75 at <http://ErmaBook.HumorWriters.org>. All proceeds go to support the University of Dayton's Erma Bombeck Writers' Workshop.

"Erma Bombeck inspired me, not only with her writing, but in the way she lived her life," Colwell said. "She lived graciously despite her fame. She maintained a loving relationship with her husband and raised well-adjusted children under the pressure of life in the spotlight. She conducted herself bravely in the face of terrible illnesses. Erma was far more than her writing, and her life story offers lessons all of us can use. She may no longer be with us, but through this book, people can continue to learn from her."

Colwell decided to give all proceeds from the e-book to the Erma Bombeck Writers' Workshop "because Erma gave so much of herself to me and other aspiring writers." At the very beginning of her writing career, Colwell wrote a letter to Bombeck asking for any encouragement she might offer. Much to Colwell's amazement, she wrote back.

"I later learned that she did this with as many as she could respond to," Colwell said. "She didn't have to do it. She just did. That was Erma Bombeck. Her support continues to be felt by the people who attend the workshops. I know she would be happy to be honored in this way. It is the least I can do."

Today Colwell helps writers and others through her personal coaching business, Bloom'n Grow Coaching for Life (www.bloomngrow.net). She is the author of hundreds of articles that have appeared online and in publications like *Reader's Digest*, *Guideposts* and *Family*

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Portions of her book, *Erma Bombeck: Writer and Humorist*, were used to create the Erma Bombeck Online Museum (www.ErmaMuseum.org.)

The bi-ennial Erma Bombeck Writers' Workshop attracts more than 300 writers from across the country and has featured speakers such as Dave Barry, Jill Conner Browne, Art Buchwald and Nancy Cartwright, among others. The next workshop will be held April 3-5, 2008.

Visit <http://ErmaBook.HumorWriters.org> to order *Erma Bombeck: Writer and Humorist*.

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