

Welcome to Radio!

For years when I told listeners about the wild things that go on behind the scenes in radio, they said, “Write a book!” So here it is. Inside are stories you’ve not heard about highly creative people encouraged to go all out in every direction—to entertain an audience and keep life interesting for their co-workers and bosses.

Imagine coming to work and finding an office missing. How about filling someone’s convertible with puffed wheat, just because you can? How did Jerry Forbes and Keith James Sr. guide a team like Bob McCord, Wes Montgomery, Chuck Chandler and the rest to build such a successful station? How did I fit in? Why did a police officer enter the 630 CHED newsroom, pistol at the ready? Why was I banned in Barrhead? What’s a Little Tiny Ugly? Why did one news announcer sound like she was having a passionate personal experience on-air? Want to know what it was truly like covering the Mayerthorpe tragedy?

If you can handle stories about people on the air that will make you laugh, shake your head, or cry, then this book is for you.

About the Author

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