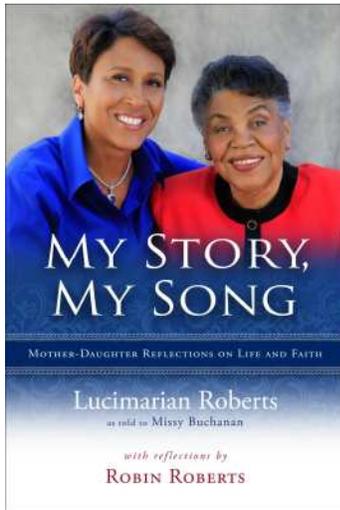


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## **LUCIMARIAN ROBERTS AND GMA'S ROBIN ROBERTS OFFER MOTHER-DAUGHTER REFLECTIONS ON LIFE AND FAITH New Book – *My Story, My Song* – Available for Mother's Day 2012**



When asked for the secret to her success, *Good Morning America's* Robin Roberts gives a simple answer: "Being the daughter of Lawrence and Lucimarian Roberts, who made me believe anything was possible." GMA viewers have come to know and love Lucimarian through the stories Robin has shared over the years from her hometown – from the loss of Robin's father to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. Now the mother and daughter have collaborated to create an inspiring new book entitled ***My Story, My Song: Mother-Daughter Reflections on Life and Faith*** (Upper Room Books, April 2012).

Robin Roberts writes in the introduction, "Folks are drawn to Mom's humility, wisdom, and spirituality. Countless times I've been told: 'Your mother should write a book.' Well, just like the beautiful hymns I have been blessed to hear Mom sing . . . this is her story."

***My Story, My Song*** is the heartwarming memoir of Lucimarian Tolliver Roberts, detailing pivotal moments in her life and revealing how faith in God has provided her with strength and hope to face the challenges of life. Reflections from daughter Robin Roberts on her mother's life and faith cap off each chapter.

Mrs. Roberts has long drawn upon her faith in God for comfort and strength. She credits hymns for helping her, a black woman born in 1924, to live faithfully through the turbulent times of the Great Depression, segregation, and racial prejudice even as the wife of a U.S. Air Force officer. "Who would have thought that a poor black girl with an alcoholic father would one day enter Howard University on a scholarship and eventually chair the board of the New Orleans branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta?" she asks with a smile.

### **Highlights of *My Story, My Song* include:**

- Inspiring stories of how a mother's love and character affect generations to come
- A tribute to the power of hymns and music to lift the heart out of loneliness and grief
- Honest childhood stories of poverty and alcoholism and the strength to overcome
- Insight into life as an African American during segregation and beyond
- Examples of the powerful influence of mentors and role models
- Encouraging stories of aging with grace
- Reminders of the impact of integrity, character, and love

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The reflections shared by Lucimarian and Robin Roberts are sure to inspire and encourage readers of all ages and races. The book will arrive in stores in time for Mother's Day gift giving, and a special Mother-Daughter tea will be held in Robin Roberts' hometown of Pass Christian, Mississippi, to launch the book.

A national publicity campaign is in full swing, with magazine and television interviews available upon request. An aggressive advertising campaign is also in place, which will include print publications such as *Aging Well*, *Family Circle*, *Prevention*, and *Guideposts*.

**Lucimarian Tolliver Roberts** may be best known as the mother of broadcast journalist Robin Roberts. However, the 87-year-old has achieved success in her own right, serving as the director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (New Orleans branch) and as a board member for numerous organizations. Lucimarian was born and raised in Akron, Ohio, where she became the first person in her family to attend college. She graduated from Howard University and married Lawrence Roberts, a member of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen, with whom she raised 4 children. Lucimarian lived through the Great Depression, segregation, the civil rights movement, and many personal challenges that have helped shape her unique perspective on life.

**Robin Roberts**, who has worked in broadcasting for more than 20 years, is co-anchor of *Good Morning America* (GMA). Under her leadership, the broadcast won three consecutive Emmy awards for Outstanding Morning Program. Roberts, a standout basketball player, graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications. Her first book, *From the Heart: 7 Rules to Live By*, released in 2007. An updated version with an added chapter on her battle with breast cancer was released in 2008.

**Missy Buchanan**, coauthor, became passionate about the needs and feelings of older adults while serving as a daily caregiver for her parents. Since the publication of her first book, *Living with Purpose in a Worn-Out Body* in 2008, she has become a nationally recognized expert on aging, appearing on *Good Morning America* as well as numerous Christian television and radio shows. She hosts *Aging and Faith with Missy Buchanan* on BlogTalk Radio and writes two monthly columns for religious publications.

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