

COMMENTS from 2013-Dramatic Author Presentations prior to completion & publication of *Corn Hollow*

Comments NAACP General Meeting- Monterey Chapter- on 3/28/13

“Very enlightening and thank you for the presentation.” Judy P.

“You excite the pupils and are a role model” D.EL

“It was an excellent skit, I really enjoyed it. It really hit home because I am from Georgia State. I cannot wait to read your book once it gets published.” KH

“Thank you for your presentation. I can relate to everything you talked about. At eighty years of age and growing up in the South, I can relate to all forms of discrimination and segregation.” Helen R.

“Beautifully presented. An excellent portrait of a young girl’s experience of racism, as well as the challenges present for the child’s caregiver.” Ann

“Well done! If you add audio visual components, such as music, sound effects, video clips of photos or old news reels from the ‘50’s, I believe you would dramatically enhance the impact of your presentation. Computer graphics and an LCD.” Bill

“Thank you for your voice and writing about this. I grew up as a white girl in the 1950’s and was very sad and upset with segregation and the ugliness I saw.” D.

In-person at Oldemeyer Center, Seaside, CA

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Comments: Tale Spinner’s group - Monterey Public Library 3/4/13

There was a lot of audience discussion after the presentation. This was mostly about the sorrow of the movement, who they were at the time, and how their parents viewed the era. The general tone was reflected in this comment:

“You presented your story very well, using different voices, different scarves or hats to differentiate characters. This was my time as well and I have memories of witnessing racism and being enraged at the humiliation I felt as a white person. Your story really underscored how difficult it is to understand racism, as it makes no logical sense. It seems to be horrible to hear the bus driver encourage the mother to keep her daughter down, but black people had to walk on eggs to avoid being beaten and killed so understandable.”

“I have to say that beyond the standing ovation of some of the audience, I was inflamed with joy and compassion from the various comments.” From the author, LaVerne McLeod

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