



Biographies: *The Truth About Cancer*

Linda Garmon

PRODUCER, DIRECTOR, WRITER



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Linda Garmon is a four-time Emmy Award-winning producer, writer, and director of documentaries and drama. With more than 20 years of experience, largely at WGBH Boston, her work has been featured on several PBS series, including NOVA and AMERICAN EXPERIENCE, as well as on ABC. She is most widely known for the NOVA film, *Secret of the Wild Child*, which documents the discovery of a 13-year-old girl who had been severely socially isolated since birth.

Garmon is the recipient of numerous major awards including Best of Show at the National Headliner Awards, and a Gold Baton at the Dupont-Columbia University Awards for *Coma*—a NOVA episode that follows the gripping story of a neurosurgeon's attempt to save the life of a 9-year-old boy from the moment he arrives in the emergency room. Garmon was also awarded a Vannevar Bush Fellowship, which allowed her to spend an academic year at MIT.

With a master's degree from the University of Missouri School of Journalism, Garmon began her career writing for magazines and newspapers, but quickly discovered her passion for documentaries. *The Truth About Cancer* features Garmon's personal story of her own husband's battle with cancer, which served as the catalyst for the film.

Garmon now resides in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where, as a break from the rigors of filmmaking, she enjoys weekly instruction in the lindy hop.

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Laurie Donnelly

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER FOR WGBH



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Boasting nearly 30 years of experience in national productions and over 20 years at WGBH, Laurie Donnelly serves as Executive Producer for the Lifestyles Unit at WGBH/Boston.

As the Emmy-award winning Executive Producer of the WGBH Lifestyle Unit, Donnelly produces content and provides invaluable direction for some of public television's most high-profile and most innovative new series including *Gourmet's Diary of a Foodie*, *Food Trip with Todd English*, *From the Top: Live from Carnegie Hall*, *This Old House*, *Ask This Old House*, and *Real Simple*. In addition, she is currently the Executive Producer of the

Emmy-award winning PBS series, *The Victory Garden*, and the public television series *Simply Ming* starring celebrity chef Ming Tsai. This impressive list has recently expanded to include the multi-part PBS Health Campaign series of two-hour primetime health programs, including *The Hidden Epidemic: Heart Disease in America*, *The Truth About Cancer*, and *Depression*. Donnelly is also Executive Producer for the two-hour primetime special, *Caring for Your Parents*, produced in association with AARP, to air in the spring of 2008.

Donnelly's past production credits include the recent, prime-time PBS reality series *Cooking Under Fire*, the popular special *Evening at Pops*, and several highly acclaimed "how-to" programs including fitness specials with wellness guru Loretta La Roche, Motley Fool's money-making life changing special *Hot of the Grill* and the on-air radio cooking special, *From Julia's Kitchen with Julia Child*. She has also produced over 20 highly successful national fundraising specials including two Emmy-nominated collaborations with Director William Cosel: *Peter, Paul and Mary: Lifelines*, and *Peter, Paul and Mommy*.

Prior to working for WGBH, Donnelly served as Producer for Dr. Timothy Johnson's nationally syndicated series, *Faces of Medicine*, *Housecalls*, and *Healthbeat* with the Boston ABC affiliate.

Donnelly is a distinguished alumnus at Boston University, where she obtained her Master's Degree, while also completing coursework for a doctorate in Community Sociology, and received a four-year graduate fellowship from the National Institute of Mental Health.

Linda Ellerbee

PANEL MODERATOR



Linda Ellerbee is an outspoken journalist, award-winning television producer, best-selling author, a breast cancer survivor, a mom, a grandmother and one of the most sought-after speakers in America.

Ellerbee and her work can be seen on many different networks. Lucky Duck, Ellerbee's production company, has and continues to produce primetime specials for ABC, CBS, HBO, PBS, Lifetime, MTV, Logo, A&E, MSNBC, SOAPnet, Trio, Animal Planet and TV Land, among others. Ellerbee was honored with an Emmy for her series, *When I Was a Girl*, which aired on WE: Women's Entertainment network.

As a breast cancer survivor, Ellerbee travels thousands of miles each year giving inspirational speeches to others. Although Ellerbee has won all of television's highest honors, she says it's her two children who've brought her the richest rewards. Ellerbee spends her personal time in New York City and Massachusetts with her partner Rolfe and their two dogs, Daisy and Dolly.

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