



# SPEAKING TOPICS

## **HISTORICAL FICTION & RESEARCH**

*Perfect for book festivals, library events, and history-focused organizations.*

### **The Researcher's Obsession: Digging Deep Without Getting Lost**

How Sharon's meticulous research process, from archives to cemeteries, brings authenticity to her novels.

### **Reconstructing the Forgotten: Women, Madness, and Power in American History**

Drawing from *Veil of Doubt* and *The Grays of Truth*, exploring how women's stories have been silenced or misinterpreted through history.

### **Writing History Where It Happened**

How living at Selma Mansion, rich with Virginia history, inspires and informs Sharon's writing.

## **STORYTELLING, CREATIVITY & ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

*Ideal for business conferences, women's leadership events, and creative summits.*

### **The Art of Reinvention**

Sharon's journey from building a multimillion-dollar company to becoming a bestselling author, and how to embrace creative transformation.

### **Storytelling as Strategy: The Power of Narrative in Business and Life**

How storytelling shapes leadership, brand identity, and purpose.

### **The Ties that Bind: How Community Shapes Story and Success**

Why storytelling and community building are inseparable for both writers and entrepreneurs.



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## THE CRAFT AND BUSINESS OF WRITING

*These topics blend Sharon's expertise as a bestselling author with her entrepreneurial background.*

### **Lessons from the Boardroom to the Bookshelf**

What entrepreneurship taught Sharon about persistence, vision, and storytelling in publishing.

### **The Business of Being an Author: From Passion to Profession**

How to approach writing as both art and enterprise; balancing creativity with marketing, publishing, and brand building.

### **Turning History into Story: Writing Fiction that Sells and Endures**

How to balance research and narrative to create novels that are both historically accurate and commercially successful.

## AMERICAN HISTORY & SOCIETY

*Great for historical societies, universities, and civic organizations.*

### **From Revolution to Reconstruction: America's Defining Century**

Exploring the human stories that shaped America's moral and political evolution.

### **Founding Families and Forgotten Legacies: The Real People Behind Masque of Honor**

The duel that defined a generation and what it reveals about honor, duty, and freedom.

### **The Evolution of Justice in 19th-Century America**

From dueling to the courtroom, how America's concept of justice changed over a century.

### **Virginia's Hidden Histories**

How local stories mirror the nation's journey through conflict, progress, and reconciliation.



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## WOMEN, RESILIENCE & MEANING

*Perfect for women's conferences, book clubs, and nonprofit gatherings.*

### **Writing Strong Women from the Shadows of History**

How Sharon brings forgotten female figures to life and gives them voice.

### **Finding Purpose After Success**

Reclaiming creativity, meaning, and passion after career reinvention.

### **Balancing Art, Family, and Ambition**

Personal reflections on navigating family life, creative work, and community leadership.

## COMMUNITY, PRESERVATION & PLACE

*Ideal for local history organizations, preservation societies, and philanthropic events.*

### **Restoring Selma: Reviving a Home, Rediscovering History**

The decade-long restoration of Selma Mansion and the stories uncovered along the way.

### **History as Heritage: Why Preserving the Past Builds a Better Future**

The link between storytelling, preservation, and community identity.



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