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Is your organization looking for an inspiring speaker? Someone who will challenge, enlighten and excite your audience? Invite speaker Susan Klopfer and she promises to deliver a message to remember ...

Susan lived for two years on the grounds of Mississippi's most infamous prison, Parchman Penitentiary. From this location, in the heart of the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta, Susan spoke with civil rights veterans collecting their stories that are fast dying with the story tellers. She spent time, as well, in Mississippi's archives, libraries and museums, learning about the region's unique history, and discovering unpublished facts regarding the murders of Emmett Till and other Delta African Americans.

Using her journalistic talents, Susan uncovered new facts surrounding the 1966 uninvestigated murders of two brave Delta women who were targeted by Ku Klux Klansmen for their activist roles in promoting voter registration and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Susan is currently investigating the murder of a Delta civil rights lawyer who was killed in 1997; within six months of his death, all of his investigative papers were burned in a mysterious office fire.

Susan Klopfer is the author of "Where Rebels Roost, Mississippi Civil Rights Revisited; The Emmett Till Book; How Branson [Missouri] Got Started; plus Abort! Retry! Fail! The Computer Answer Book, a *Book-of-the-Month Club* alternate selection. She worked as an award-winning newspaper editor and writer in Missouri and Texas, as well as an acquisitions and development editor for Prentice Hall.

Her speaking topics include The Mississippi Delta and Civil Rights ~ Then and Now; There is a Book Inside You ~ How to Get It Out; and, How to Market Your Book and Services on the Internet.

"Susan Klopfer is determined to tell the truth about Mississippi and about America ... Klopfer follows the money, showing how the lines of culpability lead into the offices of New York industrialist Wycliffe Draper, whose Pioneer Fund fueled Mississippi's fight against the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and provided millions of dollars for the private *academies*, established to keep white children out of integrated schools after Brown v. Board of Ed. (More recently, the Pioneer Fund financed the research for the controversial book, *The Bell Curve*, a best selling, racist tract published in 1994.)" *Ben Greenberg, poet, essayist and activist and author of the blog Hungry Blues*

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Program guest Sunday Monitor, Pacifica Radio, Houston, Texas/also aired in San Francisco, New York, Minneapolis-St. Paul; panelist and speaker, "Reconstruction and Restitution: Civil Rights and Lasting Wrongs", the Weissman Center for Leadership and Liberal Arts, Mount Holyoke College.