



PLAYWRIGHT & PERFORMER: MARILYN AVIENT



Photo: SeaSide Studios, Vancouver Island, BC

Marilyn is 30 years old (twice!) and living in Nanoose Bay on Vancouver Island. Drawing from various stints as a daughter, sister, mother, spouse, lab tech, award winning Avon lady, and so much more - this certifiably-nuts-people-pleasing-but-it's-all-about-me woman is now an author and public speaker.

In addition to *Dirty Laundry*, Marilyn has authored five books and has been providing keynotes and workshops for the past decade. After a chaotic lifetime of trying to "get it right", Marilyn is now enjoying life with her husband, John, and their two darling puppies.

For more information about Marilyn and her work, please visit www.marilynavient.com.

Judy's life was unravelling . . . from the inside.

Since childhood she had fought the blackness, and now she was losing the battle. It had to be kept secret or else she would lose her job, her husband and two boys . . . everything. The personas Judy created to cope were not enough anymore. She could no longer be the perfect wife, the perfect daughter, the perfect mother . . . it was all too heavy a burden. The sadness in her soul was more than she could take, and Judy wanted to die. But was that really to be her destiny??

No friggin' way!

Dirty Laundry is an engaging, poignant, and sometimes humorous tale dealing with a health issue affecting hundreds of thousands of Canadians everyday. This theatrical production invites the audience to witness an intimate struggle and the human spirit's ultimate triumph in a woman's heroic lifelong journey into, through, and out of depression. It is a true story.

What the critics are saying:

"Dirty Laundry is thought provoking . . . stimulating . . . and spell-binding! Without a doubt, Marilyn is a passionate Truth Teller."

Irene Martina, Author of "Dream Masters"

"Marilyn is an energetic and entertaining presenter who directly and authentically engages any audience causing listeners to think deeply and honestly."

Victoria Forchuk, Christopher Leadership Course

"Marilyn Avient has a powerful story to tell. As she courageously tells her story you will understand yours much better."

Doug Stevenson, Story Theatre, Colorado Springs, CO