

Wordsmiths Reading Series presents
Lorraine Henrie Lins
reading with Gerry LaFemina



Lorraine Henrie Lins, author of *100 Tipton* and three other books of poetry, is the 2010 Bucks County Poet Laureate. Currently, she serves as Director of New and Emerging Poets with Tekpoet. Lins' poems have appeared in numerous publications, as well as several online journals and collections. Born and raised in the suburbs of Central New Jersey, the self-professed Jersey Girl now resides outside of Philadelphia with her family and several dogs where she has learned to pump her own gas.

CHICKEN STOCK FROM WHAT'S LEFT

My mother would use the neck in her soups;
lay the raw curve of chain-linked bones
to the watery boil of yellow onions, quartered carrots,
and two celery stalks, broken in half, leaves and all--
and as if an afterthought, the three bay leaves:
the-father-the-son-and-the-holy-spirit.
A bite of pepper, a grab of salt and she'd brush
her hands of the earthy grit, turn her attentions to me—
my homework, my unkempt hair, my bagging posture.
She'd pull long on her cigarette and exhale smoky
times-tables at me, rewind stories of when
I was small enough to fit in her lap.
It was enough, back then, to know she was half focused
on her simmering pot, half focused on the balding tip
of my pencil, rounding three times seven into twenty-one.

– Lorraine Henrie Lins

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