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Just in time for Mother's Day, a celebration of what it means to be a mom....

# Mom

**A Celebration of Mothers from StoryCorps**

Edited with an Introduction by **Dave Isay**

In *Mom* (The Penguin Press: Publication date: April 15, 2010; \$21.95), Dave Isay—StoryCorps' founder and the editor of the project's bestselling collection, *Listening Is an Act of Love*—presents a celebration of American mothers. Featuring StoryCorps' most revelatory stories on the subject, *Mom* looks across a diversity of experience to present an entirely original portrait of motherhood.

Through conversations between parents and children, husbands and wives, siblings and friends, the life of the American mother unfolds. In stories that take us from the woods of New Hampshire to downtown Detroit and beyond, we meet mothers and children from all walks of life: An immigrant mother instilling in her children the importance of education; adult children caring for an elderly parent; a woman remembering the sound of her mother's laugh; and mothers and children of all ages learning to grow into new roles over time. Visiting families in moments of profound joy and sadness, courage and despair, struggle and triumph, we learn new truths about that most primal and sacred of bonds—the relationship between mother and child.

With this vital contribution to the American storybook, StoryCorps has created a celebration of mothers that honors the wealth of our national experience and the life lessons that are passed down from mothers to their children. Full of the wisdom, devotion, and enduring love of remarkable mothers across the country, *Mom* reminds us of the meaning of family and the expansiveness of the human heart. *Mom* will make a fantastic gift for Mother's Day!



About Dave Isay:

Dave Isay is the founder of StoryCorps and the recipient of numerous broadcasting honors, including five Peabody Awards and a MacArthur “genius” fellowship. He is the author/editor of four books that grew out of his public radio documentary work, including the first StoryCorps book, *Listening Is an Act of Love*, a *New York Times* bestseller.

Since 2003, StoryCorps has been one of the most ambitious oral history projects ever undertaken. Founded by Dave Isay, StoryCorps has collected the life stories of more than fifty thousand Americans in all fifty states, and preserved these interviews for future generations at the Library of Congress. Millions of radio listeners look forward to hearing these stories each Friday morning on NPR. In recording booths across the country, StoryCorps continues to capture for posterity the stories that define us and bind us together as Americans.

For an even more special gift to give mom this year, StoryCorps is offering a free, downloadable gift card at [www.storycorps.org/book](http://www.storycorps.org/book), which can help people record a “Do-It-Yourself” interview with a mother who has influenced them, using recording equipment that is readily accessible in most homes (laptops, tape recorders, or even pen and paper). StoryCorps’ brand new iPhone app (developed by Bottle Rocket) will also be available April 1, 2010, and includes “Do-It-Yourself” features such as a great question list and tips for recording and sharing a conversation with someone special in time for Mother's Day. For more information, visit [www.storycorps.org/iphone](http://www.storycorps.org/iphone).

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