

# Life Surprises

## Seven Short Stories About the Unexpected

by John W. Sloat

### Book Description

John W. Sloat's latest book, *Life Surprises*, is a tribute to the discoveries and revelations that are part of every life. The book is a collection of *seven short stories about the unexpected*. These stories illustrate how quickly our lives can take unanticipated turns which lead us to discover surprising meaning in the most routine experiences.

A young boy's neurosis produces an unexpected revelation.

An adolescent muses about a mysterious girl at the beach.

A feather on the beach leads to an unusual love affair.

A key found in an old car opens a strange quest.

A car radio keeps a driver safe from harm.

A detour makes possible a medical cure.

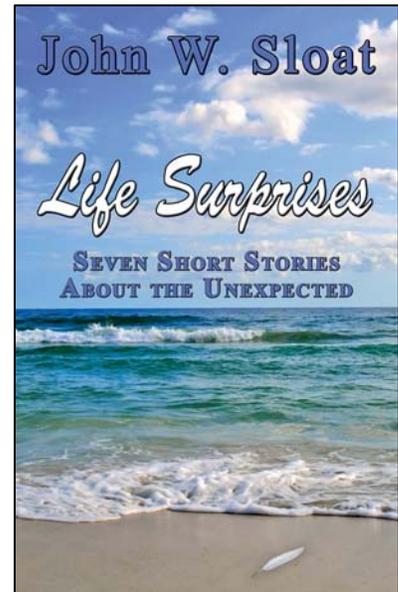
A pair of shoes combats racism.

These touching short stories, humorous and sometimes off-beat, completely captivate the reader and lead to surprising and unexpected resolutions, *a la* O. Henry. They remind us of the mystery at the heart of our daily existence, and of the fact that every moment can contain discoveries that may forever change our lives.

### About the Author

John W. Sloat, a former Presbyterian minister, served churches in Pennsylvania and Ohio for over 40 years. He holds a B.A. from Denison University, 1954; an M.Div. from Princeton Seminary, 1957; and a Th.M. from Pittsburgh Seminary, 1977. Previous books include *Lord, Make Us One* (non-fiction, 1986); *The Other Half* (fiction, 2001); *Memories of My Misadventures* (fiction, 2008); *A Handbook For Heretics* (non-fiction, second edition, 2009); and *Moving Beyond the Christian Myth*, (non-fiction, 2011). Several of his sermons have been included in *Pulpit Digest*, a national preaching journal. He has been married to Helen Burdick Sloat, a psychiatric nurse, for 57 years, and they have three children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He is a pianist/organist and plays the French horn. Retired since 1992, he is a scratch model builder, leads spirituality groups, and writes books.

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