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## Julie Morse Professional Bio

Julie Morse is a veteran writer, motivational speaker, and communications expert with extensive professional experience in sales and marketing, as well. While perhaps best known for her writing work as a columnist for the *Chicago Sun-Times* Media Group newspapers and as a former features writer for the *Chicago Tribune*, Julie is now garnering attention as an author. She recently achieved her life-long dream of writing and publishing a book – twice over.

In Summer 2012, her creative nonfiction title, ***Out of the Box***, debuts on bookshelves with advance praise from the prestigious Kirkus Reviews organization, which notes that the book's real-life tales "...read like the greatest of adventures." Also soon-to-be-released is Julie's new award-winning children's book, ***When Billy Went Bald***. Inspired by her own son's victory over cancer, the book helps young children better understand and embrace a cancer patient's journey. Best of all, its sale also benefits the national Sunshine Kids organization which helps children with cancer enjoy life to the fullest. The muse finally unleashed after many years spent focused elsewhere, Julie is now working on other book titles, including a woman's anthology and another children's book.

Since the late 1990s, Julie has also worked as a luxury real estate agent on Chicago's North Shore. She continues to serve a select clientele in this specialty arena while also writing her *Realty InSites* column for suburban *Sun-Times* Media Group/*Pioneer Press* newspapers. Through her realty work she has been asked to speak at national conferences, like Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate, and conduct motivational workshops for Chicago area companies, including Prudential Rubloff. In addition, having overcome several personal challenges in her life – from her son's cancer, to divorce, to the tragic deaths of loved ones – she also has been asked to speak on inspirational topics for several non-profits and fundraising events over the years, including St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.

Julie currently resides on Chicago's North Shore with her husband... and together they have six grown children, all residing in the Chicago area.