



About Connie Collins/Speech Fitness®

Emmy award-winning journalist Connie Collins is a seasoned communicator with 20 years experience as a TV reporter, producer and anchorwoman for Richmond Va.'s WWBT-TV and WNBC-TV and WPIX-TV in New York City, where she received accolades for her news essays on "life from another point of view." While a Contributing Editor for *MORE Magazine*, she authored the book, "FIFTY CELEBRATE FIFTY"-- a best seller for the Meredith Corp. -- which chronicled the lives of 50 famous and notable woman and their thoughts on turning 50. She has also written for *Good Housekeeping*, *Ms.*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *LexisOne.com*, the *Richmond News Leader*, and was a featured columnist for *The Big Apple Parents Newspaper*.



After leaving her television career to attend to life's most important work-- raising her two children, Collins helped format WEHM-FM in Easthampton, New York., and hosted a public affairs program. She taught news writing at The New School for Social Research in New York City, and is a seasoned public speaker, having lectured on subjects as diverse as "Living with the Moonies" to "Fifty isn't the Final Chapter; it's the Sequel." She has also written speeches, including the controversial "Menopause in the Workplace," for the founder of the New York Menopause Society.

Collins has produced an educational documentary for The Museum of Modern Art demonstrating their programs that teach art to the blind, as well as an anniversary video for The Museum of the City of New York, a movie trailer for WEHM radio, a documentary for The Food Network, and segments for "Roker on the Road", featuring *The Today Show's* Al Roker.

As a health and science reporter, she worked for ABC News Productions, reporting for the Discovery Health Channel's "She TV," as well as reporting for and hosting "The Women's Health Series" which aired on ABC-TV. Collins has written, produced and reported video news releases which air on CNN for Applevision/Vidicom, and has done voice over work for movies, including "Capturing the Friedman's" and "Broadway, The Movie."

Her jobs in public relations include Vice President for Communications for The American Cancer Society's New York City Division, and Public Relations Specialist for Blue Cross/Blue Shield, where she co-edited an employee magazine and newspaper. She was named an Outstanding Reporter of the Year by the New York City Junior Chamber of Commerce, the New York City Police Benevolent Association, the Associated Press and the Jewish Guild for the Blind. The National Mother's Day Committee named her an Outstanding Mother of the Year for being a role model for working mothers.