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Emily Hanford

April 8, 2024

7:00-8:00pm CT

"Behind *Sold a Story* with Emily Hanford"

Emily Hanford is the host of the acclaimed podcast *Sold a Story: How Teaching Kids to Read Went So Wrong*, which was the second-most-shared show on Apple Podcasts in 2023 and one of Time Magazine's top three podcasts of the year. Highlighting how flawed reading programs have been used for decades by schools in the United States despite established research, *Sold a Story* has garnered some of the highest honors in journalism, including the Murrow, the IRE, two Scripps Howard awards, a Third Coast Impact award, and a Peabody nomination. Emily has covered education for American Public Media since 2008. She has won numerous awards for her work, including the EWA Public Service Award in 2019 for *Hard Words* and an award from the American Educational Research Association for Excellence in Reporting on education research. Emily has worked in public media for 30 years. She is a frequent speaker and moderator. Emily is the mother of two adult sons. She is based in the Washington, D.C. area and is a graduate of Amherst College.

In this presentation, Emily will go behind *Sold a Story*. Emily knew nothing about the "science of reading" six years ago. She was interviewing community college students who were telling her about their reading difficulties; they told her they had never been taught how to read. That started her on a journey to understand how children learn to read and what they need to be taught. Emily will tell the story of what she has learned, why it matters, and how teaching kids to read went so wrong. Emily will also discuss her ethical responsibility as an educational journalist.

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