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**Children's Book Offers Engaging Opportunity for Baby Boomers to Reminisce,  
Children to Learn About the 1950s**

GARLAND, TX. ( USA ) - How can today's kids get a glimpse of what life was like growing up in the 1950s, the era in which many of their grandparents – today's Baby Boomers – were children? How can youngsters today learn something of what growing up in the era in which polio was feared and in which school drills to prepare children for a possible atomic bomb were the order of the day?

A new book for children, “More Than a Pinch, Less Than a Bee Sting,” explores this unique time in history through the eyes of an 11-year-old, Carol Ann, who struggles with her fears, which include both contracting the polio virus and receiving a shot of the newly created polio vaccine. In the book, Carol Ann shares her joys and fears during the spring of 1955. Readers will follow her as she attends birthday parties, admires hotrods, spies on her crabby neighbor and battles a frightening situation that could change her life forever.

The book is a fictional account based on the childhood experiences of the author, Carol Hartnell, who grew up in and around El Monte, CA, the setting of the book. In her youth, Hartnell saw firsthand the effects of polio through her grandmother and her Great-Aunt Julie, who were polio survivors. Her Aunt Ruth, a pathologist, was part of a research team that helped Dr. Jonas Salk create a vaccine for polio. Throughout the book, Hartnell weaves her unique view of this dreaded disease and presents an excellent explanation of polio and the importance of a polio vaccine.

Adults and children alike will enjoy reading about Carol Ann and her adventures in “More Than a Pinch, Less Than a Bee Sting.” Baby-Boomers will feel a nostalgia for life in the 1950s through the details of popular icons from that era, including Dan's Diner, a restored hotrod and Betsy McCall paper dolls. At the end of the book, recipes for popular 1950s foods represent dishes that Carol Ann and her friends and family members cooked for their meals during that time. Children will be both educated and entertained in this fantastic history lesson packaged neatly in an intriguing novel.

“More than a Pinch’ is a clear-eyed, authentic story of life in 1950s America. The characters are engaging. The story is a unique view of the prototype of the polio vaccine. A great read”, wrote Lynda Durrant, author of six award-winning, historic-fiction novels for young readers.

Paperback copies of the book are available for \$12.95 through online bookstores such as Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com. Hannibal Books also offers the book through 800-747-0738 and [www.hannibalbooks.com](http://www.hannibalbooks.com). ISBN: 978-1-934749-00-5.

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