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"Fascinating! If you think you already know how we human beings shape language to create the kind of relationships we want, wait until you read *Euphemania*. Ralph Keyes opens the reader to a new world of thoughtfulness, embarrassment, manipulation, and even criminality through euphemisms. While much of the book is just plain funny, one cannot help but develop a new respect for the complexity of our language and for our amazing inventiveness as we cope with every imaginable situation by avoiding the truth. An engrossing, amusing and highly informative read."**?Richard Farson, author of Management of the Absurd**

"Keyes' treatment of our everyday attempts to ameliorate through language the unpleasantries of life is brilliant-and a great read."**?Tom Dalzell, author of The Slang of Sin and Flappers 2 Rappers**

"The title of this smart new book, *Euphemania*, is no euphemism. Author Ralph Keyes is right: We *are crazy* about euphemisms. For good reasons and bad, euphemisms help us speak the unspeakable, describe what cannot, in decent society (if only we lived in one!), be described. Those are not rings of fat around my waist; that's my spare tire. Or, should you want to know me better, just grab my love handles. Hang on tight and we'll ride through the wise and witty work of a writer who handles his love for the language on every page."**?Roy Peter Clark, author of Writing Tools and The Glamour of Grammar**

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Ralph Keyes is the author of 15 books, including *The Courage to Write* and *I Love It When You Talk Retro*. He has written for *Esquire*, *Glamour*, *Cosmopolitan*, *GQ*, *Newsweek*, and *Harper's*. Keyes lives in Yellow Springs, Ohio, where he writes, lectures, and is a Trustee of the Antioch Writers' Workshop.

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