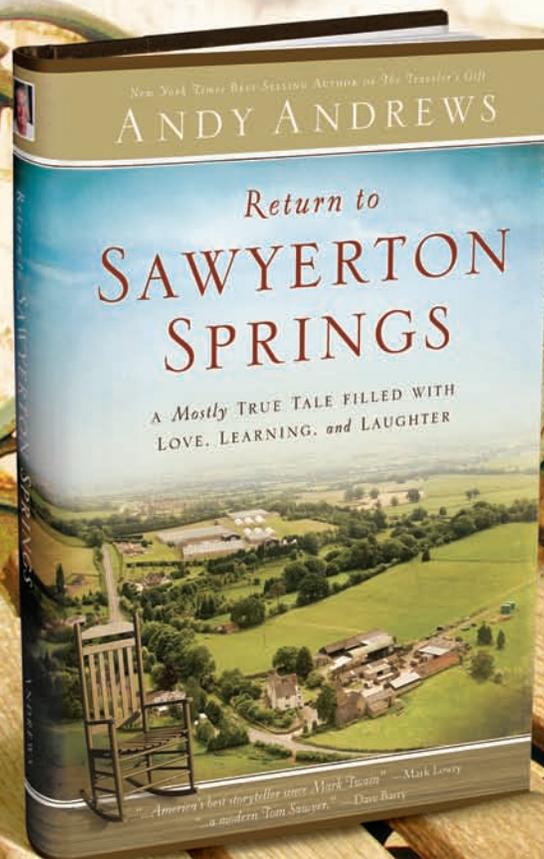


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“If you liked Lake Wobegon, you will love Sawyerton Springs! I dare you to read the first chapter aloud to a friend and not fall on the floor laughing.”

MARK VICTOR HANSEN
Creator of the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series

WHAT TO KNOW to SOUND LIKE YOU’VE READ THE BOOK

The enchanting town of Sawyerton Springs does exist. *New York Times* best-selling author Andy Andrews has found it in the hearts of those who long to take a deep breath, relax, and take the time to find the humor and meaning in everyday life.

There’s a little bit of this small town in all of us—a place apart, “behind the times,” inhabited by a cast of characters we seem to have known for years.

The sounds, smells, colors, and textures of Sawyerton Springs are within you—an instinctive, almost mystical longing for a simpler time. In Sawyerton Springs, everyday occurrences are assigned a

calm purpose. The town has no lawyers—it doesn’t need any. The local paper comes out weekly, and everyone already knows what it says.

Email, the Internet, computers, faxes, cell phones, microwaves, cappuccinos, call waiting, and caller ID don’t exist here. The town has no traffic lights—there aren’t enough cars to warrant any.

This is a story that reflects upon the seemingly ordinary parts of our everyday lives—and how they are actually extraordinary parts of something much greater. Savor the time you spend in Sawyerton Springs. You might just find another hometown you want to claim as your own!

“I’m quite sure, that right now in Sawyerton Springs, as hot as it is, there is a boy working in his father’s garden because it will never be his garden until he has a boy of his own who is old enough to work in it.”

ANDY ANDREWS



INTERVIEW TOPICS

for ANDY ANDREWS

1 THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT: UNCONDITIONAL KINDNESS

Acts of kindness are not usually big news unless they involve some sort of local, national or world crisis. But in fact, every day, people are consciously choosing to do the right thing and share their support, resources or wealth to help their neighbors. *Andy has always said that your life is about the choices you make and the action you take.* In this interview, Andy explains how seemingly inconsequential gestures can make a bigger difference than ever imagined.

2 SAILING ABOVE ROUGH SEAS: UNIVERSAL TRUTHS

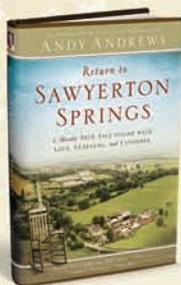
It does not matter if you live in a small town or a metropolitan city; nowadays we are all concerned about our finances, health and relationships. Wherever you go, you will find people who are fearful. *Andy believes that to create a pathway to the success you have dreamed of, rather than the reality you are currently experiencing, you must change your thinking.* This interview focuses on solutions to facing and overcoming our fears so we can truly shift our thinking and embrace hope for the future.

3 THE KEY TO THE BANK: UNITED WE LAUGH

From a young age, Andy found a way to use humor to tackle life's biggest challenges. How many of us know people that are always happy and fun to be around? Are you someone that everyone wants to be around? *Andy says becoming that person starts with having a grateful heart.* In this interview, he will discuss how simply choosing to be happy – even during the most trying times – can have a profound influence on our lives and those we care about the most.

4 CREATING THE LIFE YOU CHOOSE: FINDING FORGIVENESS

One of the largest obstacles in our lives can be our own reluctance to let go of the past. Why do we spend so much time making up for, running away from or still living in it? In this soul-touching interview, Andy explains why we get “stuck,” why anger management does not work and how forgiveness – of ourselves and others – can bring about immediate and lasting change.



Andy's depiction of his own personal experiences as well as the experiences of those around him living in Sawyerton Springs is sure to invoke smiles from the first page to the last.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Hailed by *The New York Times* as someone who has “quietly become one of the most influential people in America,” Andy Andrews is a best-selling novelist and in-demand speaker for some of the world's largest organizations. *The Traveler's Gift*, a featured book selection of ABC's Good Morning America, has been translated into more than 20 languages and was on every bestseller list in the country for months.

Andy has spoken at the request of four U.S. presidents and toured military bases around the world at the request of the Department of Defense. Arguably, there is no single person on the planet better at weaving subtle, yet life-changing lessons into riveting tales of adventure and intrigue—both on paper and on stage.

Learn more at AndyAndrews.com

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

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1. You call *Return to Sawyerton Springs* a written documentation of your hometown, but there is so much more to it than a chronological list of occurrences. You move between telling the stories in your own voice – as recollections from your childhood – to the voice of various characters. Why did you choose to write it this way?

2. One of the first stories in the book involves a big city couple who get a taste of small town hospitality. Do you think most people are looking for a simpler way of life?

3. You mention your father quite a bit throughout the book and in one instance you comment that your own boys remind you of him. What kind of influence did your dad have on you and why is it so important for parents, especially today, to take an active role in their children's lives?

4. In a humorous way, you share some major childhood firsts that almost every reader can relate to – a crush, running away from home, being home alone. As a child going through those experiences, they can be very emotional. Why do you think we are able to laugh about them now?

5. Several stories in *Return to Sawyerton Springs* touch on the characters' feelings of appreciation for their family and community. Please tell us, Andy, what are some ways we can be thankful and find gratitude when things seem to be at their worst?

6. Even a small town like Sawyerton Springs faces its share of problems, but it seems most issues are resolved by being upfront and honest. Why do so many people struggle with communication these days and what do they need to do to communicate more effectively?

7. In this book we learn pretty fast that making people laugh has always been important to you. How do you suggest we find our own inner comedian and learn to smile – or even laugh – when faced with adversity?

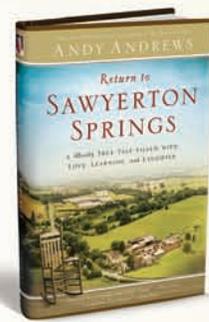
8. The male characters we meet in *Return to Sawyerton Springs* are mainly the adult-version of your friends from childhood. As boys you played a great deal of pranks and as men you continue to do so. Is it just a case of boys-will-be-boys or is there something else to it?

9. It appears that forgiveness comes easy to the people in Sawyerton Springs and hard feelings are not held onto for very long. Tell me, Andy, is forgiveness really as simple as you make it out to be and what are some ways we can find forgiveness in our own hearts?

“Don't expect this to be a complete or thorough history of my childhood or of Sawyerton Springs itself as I was determined to leave out the boring parts.

And I did.”

ANDY ANDREWS
ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA



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ARTIST AND SONGWRITER OF THE
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“Hard to stop reading and impossible to forget, Return to Sawyerton Springs is a hilarious masterpiece!”

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