



long legs & tall tales

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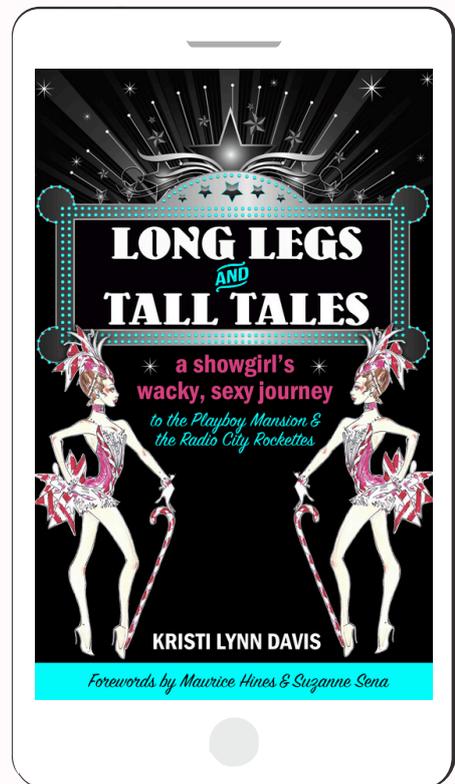
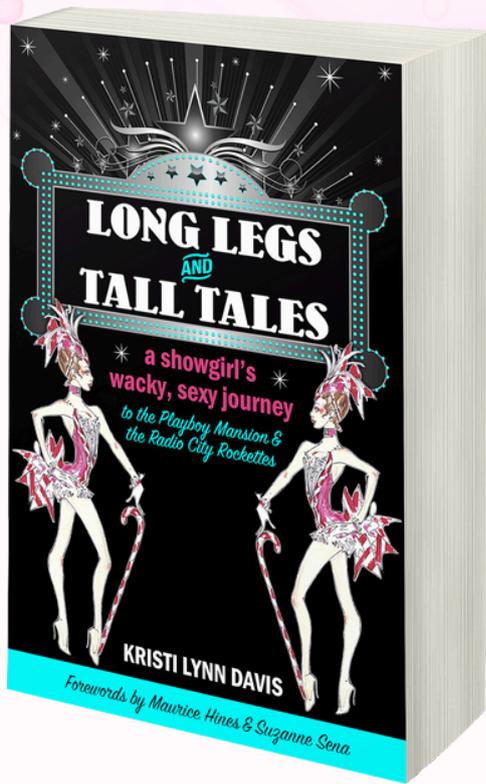
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*First things first*  
**BUY THE BOOK**

Endless thanks for being willing to read my tall tales and join me on this jazzy journey. To do so, head on over to [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) to order a Kindle eBook or a b-e-a-utiful paperback (you'll be delighted by it's dazzling cover and how it lights up a previously dull coffee table). All other eBook formats can be found at [smashwords.com](https://www.smashwords.com). For more info or to read a book excerpt, visit my website at:

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# MEET THE AUTHOR

*Kristi Lynn Davis*

Hi! I'm Kristi Lynn Davis, the voice and legs behind **Long Legs and Tall Tales**. I am tickled pink that you are not only reading my book but also inviting it to a fancy book club event! It doesn't actually have to be some high-falutin hoopla. My book is simply thrilled to get out of the house and hang out with cool people. **I hope this e-booklet will help you and your friends plan a fun and festive gathering full of feather boas, delightful discussion, and delectable dishes. Most of all, I hope you'll adorn yourself in the spirit of playfulness, dance, sing along to showtunes, and let the magic of show biz inspire you to follow your own dreams!**

A little about me: I'm a Michigander who (in 1987) tossed aside her conservative business suit and college education, left the safety of suburbia behind, and hesitantly set off to become an international, sexy showgirl supreme. What was I, crazy? Yes. But, miraculously, it all worked out.

After 12 years performing professionally, I was bursting with behind-the-scenes secrets and shenanigans to spill. My adventures seemed so amusing and amazing to me, I simply had to share them. Plus, retiring from the **Rockettes** broke my heart, and writing my memoir was highly therapeutic. So, in spite of having 2 kiddos to raise, I decided to write a book.

In addition to being the author of the Amazon Best-Seller, Silver Medal Winner and 5-star Reader's Favorite, **LONG LEGS AND TALL TALES**; I am a contributing author in **THE HEART AND SOUL OF PSYCHOTHERAPY: A Transpersonal Approach Through Theater Arts** (recipient of The Gold Seal Award for Literary Excellence). I'm a firm believer in the power of the arts, not only to entertain and inspire, but to heal and transform.

Nowadays, at any given time, you may find me acting as a motivational speaker, an entertainer, a choreographer, or a **drama therapist**. Most often, you'll find me joyfully singing harmonies alongside my handsome hubby in our folk duo, **Dave & Kristi**. And if you care to know more, head over to my website: **kristilynnedavis.com**.

Endless thanks for joining me on my journey! Hope you enjoy the tall tales. And remember to kick high and be spectacular!

*-Kristi*



# ABOUT THE BOOK

## *Long Legs & Tall Tales*

Imagine transforming from a naïve, goodie two-shoes, Midwestern bumpkin to a sexy showgirl supreme performing with the world-famous Radio City Rockettes. Author Kristi Lynn Davis did just that, logging in approximately 1,200 performances and 240,000 kicks with the legendary precision dance troupe. And that's not all. She also traveled the globe with the steamy Playboy's Girls of Rock and Roll, sailed to exotic ports of call as a singer-dancer on luxurious cruise ships, and graced the stage in musical theatre productions with showbiz icons Susan Anton, Buddy Ebsen, Maurice Hines, Jack Jones, Paige O'Hara, Juliet Prowse, Rip Taylor, and others. She even shook her tail feathers for President Bill Clinton.

Now Kristi invites you backstage and into her dressing room where she reveals how she survived and thrived in the wild and wonderful world of entertainment. **Whether you're an aspiring performer, a seasoned pro, a theatre lover, or simply someone who's no stranger to the struggle of pursuing passion and purpose in life, this book will inspire you to light your spark and shine brightly as the star you truly are. In spite of fear of failure!**

With a virtual VIP All-Access Backstage Pass, readers get a sneak insider peek into two of America's most iconically sexy and spectacular institutions—Playboy and the Radio City Rockettes—like never before. But wait! There's more. The book also chronicles highlights of Kristi's wacky journey from obscurity to fame including:

- her humble tutu and tiara-loving beginnings at her local "Dolly Dinkle" dance schools
- her awkward stretch into modern dance amid the danger and excitement of New York City
- mortifying corporate party performances (including dancing as half of the Brooklyn Bridge and knocking over patrons with her big buttress)
- musical theatre and movie escapades in and around Hollywood
- homespun fun in the Ozarks as Buddy Ebsen's hottie Beverly Hillbillies sidekick
- jet-setting and bar-hopping with real live Playboy Bunnies
- her horror at sashaying on stage in a G-string
- going overboard for love on a cruise ship
- and shaking her tail feathers for President Bill Clinton.



From the sweaty, smoky nightclubs of Singapore to the sizzling Las Vegas strip to the snowcapped mountains of Alaska and beyond, these behind-the-scenes, high-kicking high jinks rival the euphoria of thunderous applause.

Grab your glitter gel, glue on your fake eyelashes, slip into your fishnet stockings, apply some cherry red lipstick, wrap yourself in a feather boa, and come along for the ride as you are whisked through a spectacular, wacky, sexy journey to showgirl-dom. It's time to raise the curtains, because the showgirl adventures are about to begin. Places, please!

[longlegsandtalltales.com](http://longlegsandtalltales.com)



# BOOK TRAILER

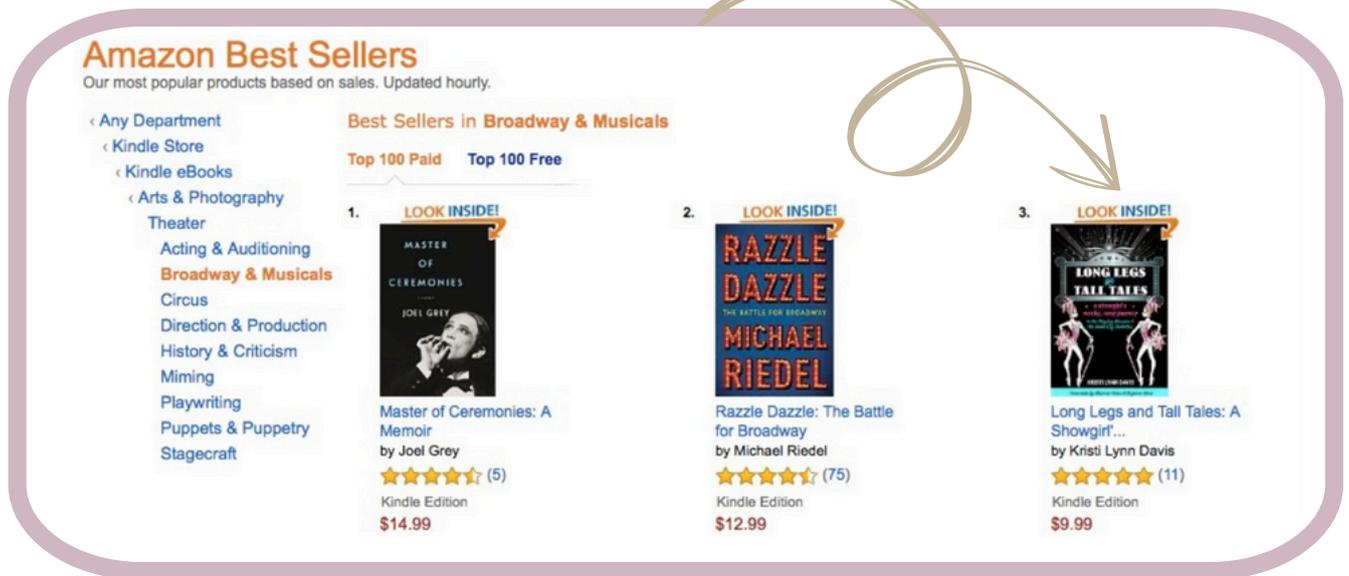
*YouTube Video*



Here's a fun, little 2.5 minute video BOOK TRAILER to introduce you to my tall tales. Photos included!

# AMAZON #3 BEST SELLER

## *Broadway & Musicals*



The screenshot shows the Amazon Best Sellers page for Broadway & Musicals. The top navigation includes 'Any Department', 'Kindle Store', 'Kindle eBooks', and 'Arts & Photography'. Under 'Arts & Photography', the 'Theater' sub-category is selected, with 'Broadway & Musicals' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Best Sellers in Broadway & Musicals' and is divided into 'Top 100 Paid' and 'Top 100 Free'. Three books are listed:

- 1. Master of Ceremonies: A Memoir** by Joel Grey. Kindle Edition, 5 stars, \$14.99.
- 2. Razzle Dazzle: The Battle for Broadway** by Michael Riedel. Kindle Edition, 75 stars, \$12.99.
- 3. Long Legs and Tall Tales: A Showgirl's...** by Kristi Lynn Davis. Kindle Edition, 11 stars, \$9.99.

A gold arrow points from the top right of the screenshot towards the text below.

On launch day (February 21, 2016), *Long Legs & Tall Tales* hit the Amazon Best Seller list at #3 in Kindle Broadway & Musicals category! I should have checked if any scandalous celebrity books were set to release before I launched mine on the same day, but I am still beyond thrilled see my tall tales alongside those of Joel Grey and Michael Riedel. Make sure to read those books next! Plus, you can read or write a review for me at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

## TESTIMONIAL

*Kristi Davis has a wonderful stage presence and riotous sense of humor, making both her and her book very engaging and highly entertaining. Two thumbs way up for the fast-paced thrill ride of 'Long Legs and Tall Tales'!*

*-Ryan M. Place, The Book Club of Detroit*





## TESTIMONIAL

*Kristi Lynn Davis' journey to stardom was one fraught with challenges, but it does have a lot of lessons for anyone who wants to create his or her own path towards success. The prose is beautiful and gorgeous, and the author lights up the hearts of readers with a quality of humor that is rare to find. Even when she recounts the frustrations she's met along her path, she does so with a lighthearted humor that communicates warmth and gets readers sympathizing with her. At times it is hilarious, then it gets serious, and no one could read this without becoming enmeshed in the multiple sentiments that punctuate the raw and refined moments of a showgirl's life. This is one of those memoirs that will most certainly offer a lot of insight into what goes on behind the scenes in the entertainment business.*

*Long Legs and Tall Tales is spellbinding, the kind of book that is hard to put down. Kristi Lynn's story is one that fans of celebrity memoirs will love to read because it is a beautiful story beautifully told. It is one of the rare memoirs I have read and one I will be recommending for the author's honesty and courage.*

—Reviewed by Romuald Dzemo for Readers' Favorite



# TESTIMONIALS



*"I love this book! A highlight of my career was performing with the Rockettes! I was constantly amazed and awed by their total perfection!! They made me improve my performance out of sheer admiration. No one has ever captured that drive, with all of the behind-the-scenes humor and angst, like Kristi Davis. Her story shows the heartfelt and funny life journey of a dancer. I laughed and I cried and I couldn't put it down. A must read!!"*

*—Paige O' Hara, Broadway star, voice of Belle in Disney's Beauty and the Beast*



*"High kicks of praise for this behine-the-scenes memoir by the star who inspired me to follow my dreams! A page turner from beginning to end. A must-read for anyone with show business aspirations or a dancing career in the making, as well as those curious about the life of a professional entertainer. I didn't want it to end."*

*—Suzanne Sena, national news anchor and Emmy-nominated host*



## TESTIMONIAL

*"What a fun, fun book I just finished reading, one that I simply could not put down once I started it! Long Legs and Tall Tales: A Showgirl's Wacky, Sexy Journey to the Playboy Mansion and the Radio City Rockettes by author Kristi Lynn Davis chronicles the author's wild and wacky adventures as she moves from being a sheltered, small town girl from the Midwest to a Radio City Rockette in the Big Apple, and then to a steamy traveling dancer with Playboy's Girls of Rock and Roll. Relaying fun, funny and sometimes pretty amazing stories about her experiences while traveling the road as a dancer, this book will keep readers riveted from start to finish!"*

*I loved Long Legs and Tall Tales! Loved. It. How's that for a review? Author Kristi Lynn Davis has done a simply fabulous job at telling the story of her life as a dancer, both the glamorous and not so glamorous parts. Any reader who has wondered what it's like to live their life in the spotlight, to meet and party with celebrities, and to travel the globe as a part of their job, will be enthralled with this book. This is also a good book for those who are looking to break into show business themselves; it provides a great insider's look into the realities of a dancer's life and the sometimes harsh realities of the business. I very highly recommend Long Legs and Tall Tales, and I would love to read more from the very talented, funny and engaging author Kristi Lynn Davis in the very near future!"*

*—Reviewed by Tracy A. Fischer for Readers' Favorite*



# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*for sparkling  
conversations*



- 1 Did you ever take dance lessons? If not, what did you love to do as a kid?  
**(\*Share old recital photos! Let people know ahead of time to bring them.)**
- 2 Have you experienced stage fright? If so, when? Or what's the best/worst thing that ever happened to you in front of an audience?
- 3 How did the author overcome obstacles and achieve goals? Are you facing any obstacles as you work toward achieving a goal?
- 4 What stood out to you in terms of the pros and cons of being a professional dancer and/or a Radio City Rockette? What surprised you?
- 5 How might reading this book change your perspective as an audience member the next time you attend a show?
- 6 Who would you cast for the movie or miniseries?
- 7 Why is the author's husband so sexy? (Question submitted by author's husband.)
- 8 If your mom had written this book, would you want to read it? (Question submitted by author's daughter who has NOT read the book. Sigh.)
- 9 Have you ever worn a G-string? Was it comfortable? (Author's daughter again. Sigh, again.)
- 10 Like the song "I'm Too Sexy" by Right Said Fred, what are you too sexy for? (Author admits she actually thought of this question.)
- 11 Did any of your childhood dreams come true? (There's still time to dream new dreams!)
- 12 What advice would you give an aspiring artist after reading this book?



# RECIPES

## *amuse bouche*

It's the celebratory spirit that counts when it comes to your canapés and cocktails. If you're really having trouble deciding what to serve, you can always count on the "ch" charmers: cheese, chips, chocolate and champagne!

I've included links below to some festive recipe ideas to get you started.

### SAVORY

- Popcorn!** (It is divine paired with champagne. Seriously!)
- Caviar** (Also glorious with champagne.)
- Charcuterie Boards** (So pretty & you can customize to your tastes.)
- Cheese Fondue** ("Fondu" is a French ballet term meaning, "to melt.")
- Stuffed Mushrooms** or **Vegan Stuffed Mushrooms** (Put the fun in fungus!)
- Spiced Nuts** (Perfect for your vegan pals & sweet & spicy, nutty buddies!)

### SWEET



- Chocolate-covered Strawberries** (A celebratory classic.)
- Chocolate Fondue** ("Fondu" is a French ballet term meaning, "to melt.")
- Chocolate Truffles** (You deserve this luxurious confectionery.)
- Pavlova** (Named after famous Russian ballerina, Anna Pavlova!)
- Christmas Cookies** (Rockettes are synonymous with Christmas, so why not?)
- Flourless Chocolate Cake** (Great for your gluten-free friends!)
- Margarita Jello Shots** (The Vegas Rockette's favorite Encore treat!)

# BEVERAGES

## *sparkling spirits*



I always say the book reads better with bubbly. My sommelier husband, Dave, has recommended a few spectacular choices for you:

- Since LONG LEGS AND TALL TALES is wacky and sexy, how about Sex Brut Rosé: sparkly, happy, fruity, with a splash of fun and glamorous by Michigan winemaker MAWBY?!
- Nivole Moscato d'Asti: slightly bubbly and sweet (like the author, according to her husband) with notes of ripe apricot and nectarine.
- Or why not splurge and sip a bonafide French champagne? Dave and I adore Veuve Clicquot Demi-sec (absolutely the most elegant elixir you can pour into your glass). Cheers!
- Try mixing up a Singapore Sling like you read about in the Playboy section of the book.

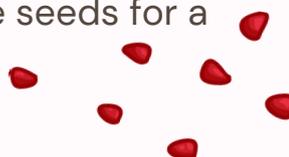
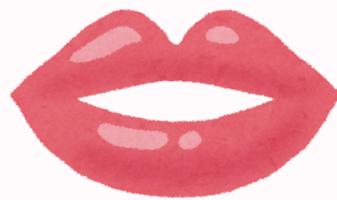
## ROCKETTE RED MOCKTAIL

If you prefer something non-alcoholic but effervescent and festive all the same, my hubby and I created this mocktail we named "Rockette Red" based on the color of cherry red lipstick Rockettes were required to wear.

Ingredients:

- ginger ale, chilled
- cherry juice concentrate (or pomegranate or cranberry juice)
- 1 lime, cut into wedges
- pomegranate seeds

Pour ginger ale into a glass. Drizzle on cherry concentrate to taste. (If you use juice instead, you may want to do 50% ginger ale, 50% juice. Ask your tastebuds.) Squeeze a wedge of fresh lime juice on top. Sprinkle on pomegranate seeds for a celebratory "confetti" finish!

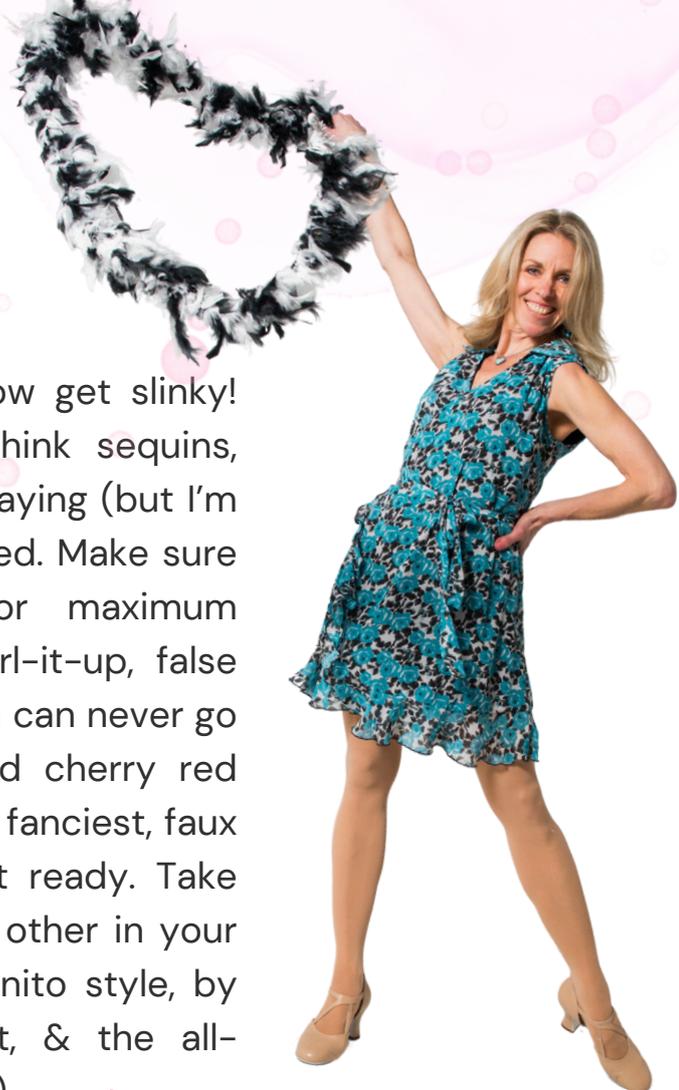


\*Note: All the drinks above show best when sipped from a champagne flute.

# ATTIRE

*play dress up*

You've grabbed a Twinkie and a drinky. Now get slinky! With your dress, I mean. Go for glam! Think sequins, sparkle, and anything bling. It goes without saying (but I'm saying it), a **feather boa** is absolutely required. Make sure all guests are sufficiently plumaged for maximum merrymaking. If you want to really showgirl-it-up, false eyelashes and fishnets are fantastic. And you can never go wrong with a hefty dose of glitter gel and cherry red lipstick. Or feel free to dust off your favorite, fanciest, faux (or legit) haute couture and be red-carpet ready. Take turns being Paparazzi and photograph each other in your finest. Fab! (Or dress down, celebrity incognito style, by donning ultra casual clothes, baseball hat, & the all-important sunglasses. No autographs, please.)



# MUSIC



## *set the scene with showtunes*

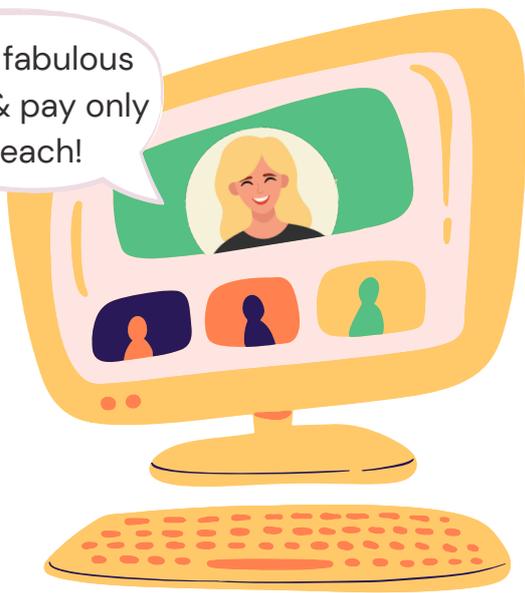
Pull out the old show tunes! Perhaps a classic like Rogers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma* (my husband regularly belts out "Oh What a Beautiful Morning" and "Oklahoma"). Or something more rock opera-ish like Andrew Lloyd Weber's *Evita* ("Don't Cry for Me Argentina"). Or for you ABBA fans, how about *Chess* ("One Night in Bangkok")? Or my daughter's fave—*Mama Mia*. Of course, you just can't go wrong with *A Chorus Line*. "One singular sensation, every little step she takes..." Definitely play "**I Want to Be a Rockette!**"

Better yet, I did all the work for you, and made a **Spotify party playlist** with hours of tunes directly related to shows and songs mentioned in the book!



**SPOTIFY PARTY PLAYLIST**

Find 10 fabulous friends & pay only \$10 each!



# ZOOM WITH KRISTI

*for maximum party fun!*

## *What it is*

Let's connect virtually during the party through Zoom for **30 minutes!**

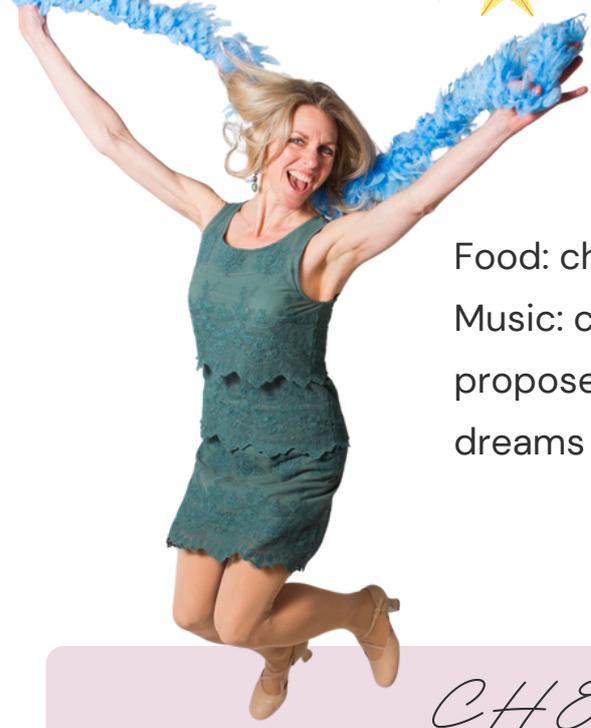
Possibilities for our session together include:

- Lively Q&A where burning curiosities get quenched.
- Learn the secret of the infamous Rockette kickline line-up. Try it in your boas & bling for a fabulous photo op! (BONUS: Learn to bevel!)
- Mini-slideshow of photos from stories in the book.

## *How to do it*

- Email me at [kristi@kristilynndavis.com](mailto:kristi@kristilynndavis.com) to determine a date/time.
- Pay \$100 through Venmo or Paypal to secure your date.
- I will send a Zoom link to be shared with the Book Club for our session on the day of the party.
- Get excited! This will be fabulously fun!

Is your Book Club interested in bringing me into your space? Email me at [kristi@kristilynndavis.com](mailto:kristi@kristilynndavis.com) for in-person options!



# CHECK LIST

Food: check! Drinks: check! Party apparel: check!  
Music: check! Raise your glass, because I'd like to  
propose a toast: "To fine, feathered friends;  
dreams fulfilled; and wacky, sexy adventures!"

*-Kristi*



<i>CHECK LIST</i>	YES
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<u>Food</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Drinks</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Attire</u> (boas, bling)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music ( <u>Spotify</u> <u>playlist</u> )	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Set up Zoom/in-person event w/Kristi!</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Kick high! Be spectacular!*



The Radio City Rockettes' 90th Anniversary, New York City, 2015  
(Kristi Lynn Davis, her daughter, & Rockette "sister" Karen Kasteel)