



ANITA RENFROE

Anyone who's described as "a triple shot of espresso in a decaf world" must have some kind of energy. And though Anita Renfroe is one special lady, that magnetism comes from two primary places: her contagious faith and her infectious ability to make everyone she encounters laugh. She'll be the first to light up a room upon entrance or lift one's spirits when they're feeling low, using a wide array of techniques to enthrall her family, friends and audience. It's simply a natural extension of her God-given personality that has touched countless lives in the process of an astoundingly well-rounded career.

As a musician, she's released a pair of stunning studio vocal CDs, along with a live worship endeavor. As a speaker, this endless ball of energy has moved millions from many walks of life and belief backgrounds (hosting major industry events like DBA, AWSA, ICVM). As a comedian, she's toured the world and released a series of entertaining concert videos and DVDs, landing her an Emmy in the process, along with being a board member and showcase talent for the Christian Comedy Association.

"I started out [writing and singing] music, but funny is who I am," Renfroe relates. "The older I got and the more authentic I became, the more the funny parts started coming through. And it is amazing that once you offer up all the stuff that God has hard-wired inside of you, He loves to do things that you could never imagine. Comedy is that for me—a wonderful surprise. The fact that I get to deliver some of that comedy through music is pure joy."

Yet another wonderful revelation for this animated lady has been her venture into book writing, which has opened an incredibly fulfilling chapter of an already varied catalogue. The Atlanta-based superstar's current project, the affectionately titled *The Purse-Driven Life* (NavPress), has been lighting up the church. The title is tagged as not necessarily unveiling the deeper meaning of life, but rather locating a remarkable sense of humor and joy in day-to-day living. It's a must-read for any woman looking for a self-esteem sugar rush and men trying to get a better understanding of how their spouses tick. It tackles the household adjustments that need to be made after having children, the hope that they won't end up on "The Jerry Springer Show" and the playful ways in which women and men butt heads. The writer pulls no punches as she gives women an ultimatum to choose hilarity or insanity, casting aside life's frustrating little things in favor of smiles.

In addition to that barrel of fun, *A Purse-Driven Christmas* is coming to store shelves in October 2005 (also from NavPress). Like its predecessor, expect more uplifting anecdotes and enjoyable observations geared around the most wonderful time of the year!

Readers will adore Renfroe's take on the Yuletide season, along with all of its regularly (and not so regularly) scheduled extracurriculars. But as in all her other projects and overall ministry message, she points to the real reason for the blessed season. And based on an illustrious history and extensive fan base, it's the perfect way to witness to those in the world.

"Laughter breaks down walls. It disarms people. It allows extraordinary truth to be communicated in unexpected ways," says Renfroe. "Laughter really is the shortest distance between two hearts."

For additional information on Anita Renfroe, log on to pursedrivenlife.com or anitarenfroe.com.

