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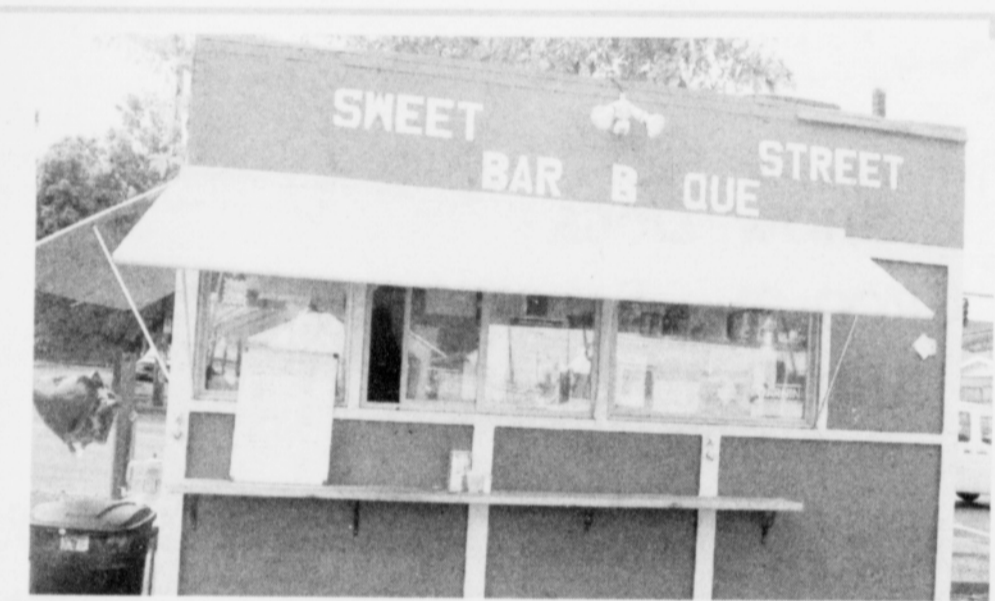
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 Former Portland resident Lorraine Hood-Jack (left) autographs copies of her new book 'Honestly?' at Reflections' Talking Drum Bookstore with local residents Estella Brame and Shandra Terry.

## Author Shares Words of Wisdom

Author and recent Portland local, Lorraine Hood-Jack, signed copies of her newly released book, "Honestly?" Nov. 12 at the Talking Drum Bookstore (Reflections), encircled by 40 delighted friends and associates.

"I love Portland and it's great to be back," Hood-Jack said. I love the support I've gotten from my friends for the book. It's great to see everyone who came out to show their love."

Hood-Jack, described as a small town girl with some old school mother-wit, wrote the first volume of four with short reflections of thought-provoking wisdom. Written to inspire readers to think about what we do, what we say, how we treat one another, and how we raise our children, the book may bring positive change or make you laugh out loud.

"It's all about knowing who you are, and appreciating where you come from," says Hood-Jack.

Released on Aug. 17 at the beginning of her book signing tour, Hood-Jack will continue her travels onwards from Portland to Atlanta, Ga., and home to Dallas, Texas, where the budding author recently decided to live.

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