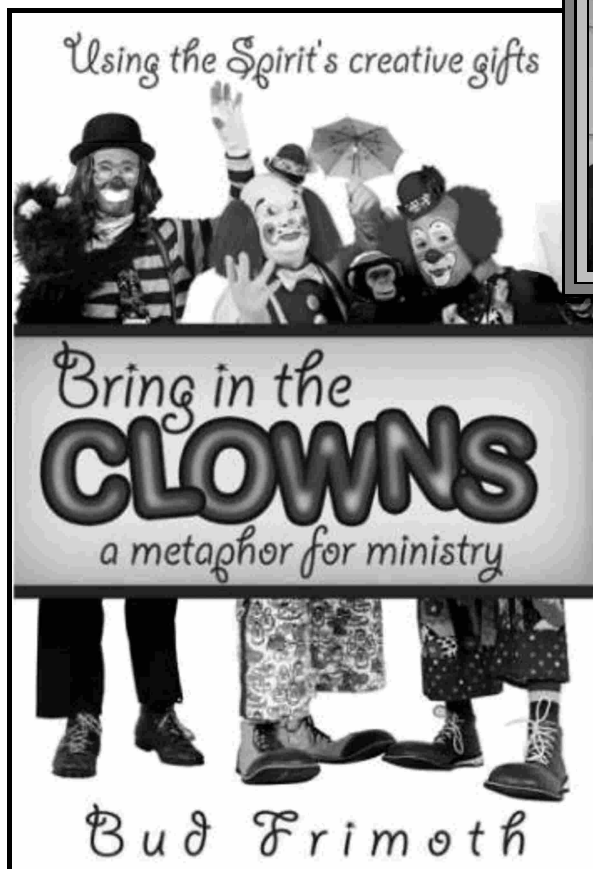


## Bring in the Clowns, *Using the Spirit's Creative Gifts*

Photo on right is Bud and Lenore Frimoth of Portland, Oregon



This is a wonderful book by a long time hospital clown who also happens to be a Presbyterian minister. Bud shares how clowning opened up his ministry to new experiences. You can tell by chapter titles like "Clothing the Clown – Where Ministry Takes You" and "Profound Simplicity or Chaos." And Bud takes you into his process and his journey of discoveries, which include creating and developing the very popular young adult radio show "Open Door" which won a Peabody Award – all as part of Bud's "ministry of mirth and wholeness."

This book is autobiographical, but it is not always in the first person "I" form. Bud's clowning life as *Doolotz* was part of the team of *Doolotz and Wrinkles* with his wife Lenore. *Wrinkles* was a silent sweet clown who captivated people just by gently dusting them off. The book is dedicated to her memory with many stories of the two of them working and clowning together with their family and communities.

Although this book has skits and routines used in clown ministry, Bud's book is full of wisdom and stories for all caring clowns, for example:

"Learning who is the audience and where is the stage . . . It's not what you think. Your outfit and makeup seem to mean, 'I'm on stage.' But it's really not that way for caring clowns. You become the audience . . . Mary Ann Karry's line becomes a reality: 'Mirroring what the other person is feeling is the mark of the clown.' In some settings that is actually what we do. A couple sitting in the surgery waiting area of the hospital, legs crossed and arms folded over their chests. . . If I sense in their eyes that I'm welcome, then I may sit down and fold my arms over my chest, simply mimicking them, all the time checking to see if I've gone too far. Most times there is a smile or tiny giggle. The experience is over in a few moments. Their smiles are the pay."

The book is available from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).