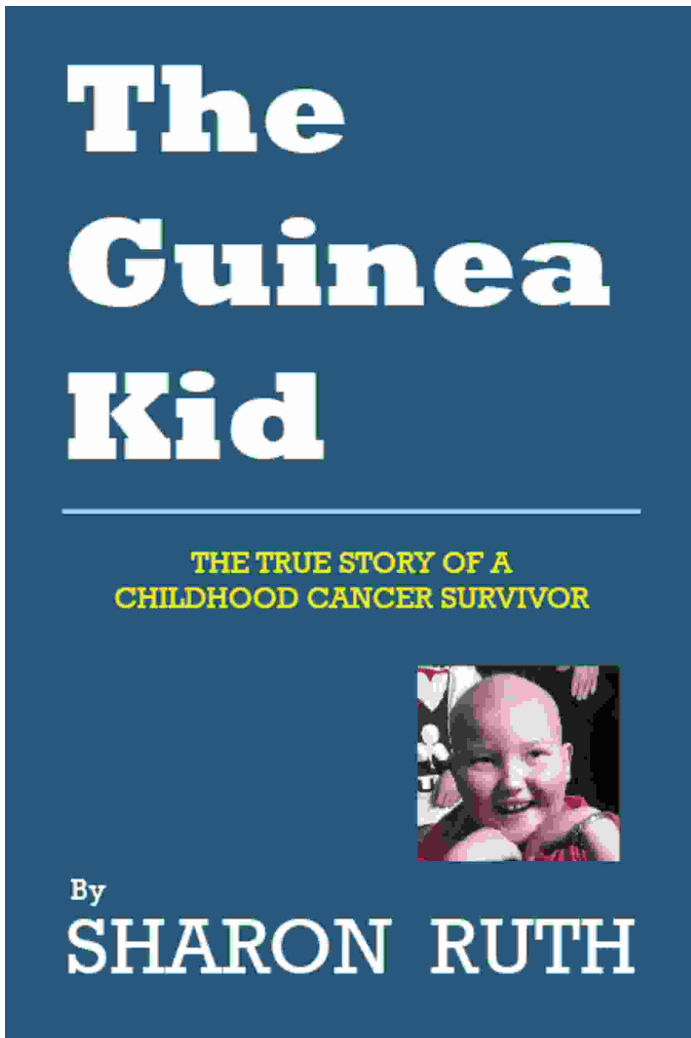


..... From The Mom of One of Molly Penny's "Frequent Flyers"

[Please read about "Molly Penny" aka Ruth Cull in the Archives Vol. 11 No. 4 and see below]

An Important book for clowns who work with children and their families. We all need this kind of insight, and awareness of what the family is experiencing. Yes this is Guinea as in Guinea Pig!



Following are excerpts from Sharon Ruth:

“Have you ever waken up one day as one person, and gone to bed that same night as another? What would you do if one day your life, your family, your job completely stopped by four little words? YOUR CHILD HAS CANCER. Who could you turn to for help? The Guinea Kid is a story of one family’s struggle to find help and discover who it was they could turn to - and who they could not.

“[It is] important that the general public gain some understanding of what happens to families in this position, when demands on their time, energy, finances and faith can be draining. It is essential that Governments recognize the problems and start providing help to these families, in an attempt to ease at least some of the dreadful burdens they carry

“My daughter Colleen had many challenges during her treatments, and has survived 5 years now from one of the most aggressive rare cancers that was in stage 4 and in her bone marrow. My book has a happy ending, and maybe this will give hope to other parents”.

<http://guineakid.org> Available on Amazon.com

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