**Surprises**

**There is no surprise more magical than the surprise of being loved. It is God's finger on man's shoulder. *(Charles Morgan, in The Fountain)***

**Like all growing boys, my teenage grandson, Jermon, was constantly hungry. I went to my refrigerator to find something he might like to eat. After poking around a bit and moving the milk and juice cartons, I spotted a bowl of leftover chili. "Hey, Jermon," I called out excitedly. He came running into the kitchen. "Look! I found some chili." Struggling to be polite, he said, "If you're that surprised, I'm not really sure I want it." *(Betty J. King, in Reader's Digest)***

**Every year on their wedding anniversary my boss, Woody, and his wife celebrated by staying at the same resort hotel. On their 25th anniversary they booked their usual room. But when the hotel's bell captain escorted them upstairs, they were in for a big surprise. "There must be some mistake," Woody said. "This looks like the bridal suite." "It's okay," the bell captain reassured him. "If I put you in the ballroom, that doesn't mean you have to dance. *(Connie L. Sellers, in Reader's Dogest)***

**Nothing ever causes a young man greater surprise than to find that someone has fallen in love with his sister. *(Around Atlanta)***

**Don’t trust the future – it loves to spring surprises. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**A father had just purchased a pen and pencil set for his son's graduation gift. "I suppose this is to be a surprise?" asked the clerk as he wrapped the set. "It sure is," replied the father, matter-of-factly. "He's expecting a car!" *(Herm Albright, in Quote magazine)***

**Woman serving dinner to husband: "It's a hamburger surprise. You had it yesterday and the day before and you certainly didn't expect to get it tonight." *(Jerry Marcus, in Ladies' Home Journal)***

**Suspense Story: An English youngster balked at going to Sunday school to learn about heaven. "I want it to be a surprise," he said. *(P. Hudson, in Woman's Own, England)***

**History is merely a list of surprises. It can only prepare us to be surprised yet again. *(Kurt Vonnegut)***

**Lord, catch us off guard today. Surprise us with some moment of beauty or pain so that for at least a moment we may be startled into seeing that You are with us here in all your splendor, always and everywhere, barely hidden, beneath, beyond, within this life we breathe. *(Frederick Buechner)***

**A pessimist gets nothing but pleasant surprises. *(Rex Stout, mystery writer)***

**A woman is in an exclusive pet store looking to buy a sweater for her dog. After witnessing much hemming and hawing and the scrutinizing of the size of each item, the salesperson finally pipes in. "Why don't you bring the dog in for a fitting?" he says. "I can't do that," the customer says. "The sweater is a surprise." *(George Kloss, in Reader's Digest)***

**Stage Direction: The late director and writer Billy Wilder, whose career was perhaps unmatched in Hollywood history -- Some Like It Hot, Sunset Boulevard, The Lost Weekend, among other classics -- was, in his later years, quite sick. One day, his wife sat down next to him as he lay in bed, and said, "Billy, I think we should talk about what you want me to do about your burial when you die." Wilder looked up slowly, thought for a moment, and said, "Surprise me." *(The Saturday Evening Post)***

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