

# KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY ALISON LARKIN



*"Why My Adoption is a  
Laughing Matter:*

*The English American talks about nature,  
nurture and how the search for her American  
birth parents helped her find her self."*

Alison Larkin is an internationally acclaimed comedienne, bestselling novelist and adoptee. Hailed by the *London Times* as "hugely entertaining" and by NBC TV as a "hysterically funny, new, bi-hemispheric comedienne," Alison's keynote will at once entertain and underscore important themes of the day. She will speak about her own adoption experiences, perform excerpts from her internationally acclaimed one-woman show, and read from her best-selling semi-autobiographical novel, *The English American*.

Alison combines stand-up comedy and theatre in her one-woman show about her search and reunion, which premiered at the Edinburgh Festival's Assembly Rooms, headlined at the London Comedy Festival, and has been seen in concert performance all over the world. Her critically acclaimed novel, *The English American*, grew out of her one-woman show and has been optioned for a half hour television series by ABC TV, with the Mark Gordon Company (*Grey's Anatomy*) attached to produce.

A *Vogue* "most powerful book of the season" and *Redbook* magazine's book club pick of the month, *The English American* tells the hilarious, poignant story of a young English woman adopted into a very happy family, who returns to the United States to find her birth parents and—ultimately—her "self."

To learn more about Alison and her work within the adoption community, visit [www.alisonlarkin.com](http://www.alisonlarkin.com).