



Says You! writer
Dave Zobel

Could I really write questions for *Says You!*, of all shows? Am I intelligent enough? Am I creative enough? I was intimidated but determined – I had agreed to do it, so I *would* do it.

Fortunately for me, Dave Zobel is patient, tolerant, and more than intelligent and creative enough for the both of us. We emailed back and forth, bounced ideas off each other, researched answers, and between us, ultimately, had written the material for four *Says You!* episodes. To be honest, most of the credit must go to Dave for the polish and ingenuity of the questions and answers, but he graciously included my name as co-writer of the shows. What a rush! *I could definitely get used to this*, I thought.

When it came time to record the episodes we had on, Dave met my family and me before the show and

escorted us back to the green room to meet the cast and crew and everyone involved with producing and broadcasting our all-time favorite radio program. He also gave me a copy of “*Says Us!*” to collect autographs and as a souvenir of this, my first venture into radio scriptwriting.

After being introduced to the members of the *Says You!* cast, star-struck, I was almost afraid to open my mouth lest I reveal my comparative incompetence to these fearfully intellectual people. I should have known better. Everyone was warm and hospitable and made us all feel welcome.

And although I’m not much of a celebrity hound, my autographed copy of “*Says Us!*” enjoys pride of place on my bookshelves.

Since that first foray into radio writing, Dave has asked if I’d like to help with a couple more shows. How gratifying to know that my ideas and efforts are appreciated enough to be solicited from time to time! Of course, I am delighted to be able to contribute as often as I am asked. It is *seriously* addicting.

I still keep up my random submissions to saysyou.net, which are graciously acknowledged with a friendly note from Laura. And whenever *Says You!* is taping in the area, I always make it a point to get tickets. Attending the live shows has become an opportunity to reunite with old friends and an invitation to make new ones.

Yes, I fell in love with *Says You!*, a radio game show that celebrates intelligence, imagination, wit, humor, linguistic agility, and mental dexterity and treats listeners to a glorious gallimaufry of brain-stretching stumpers. And yes, it’s no longer an unrequited love affair – *Says You!* loves me back! 🎧

Says You! cast (from left): Paula Lyons, Arnie Reisman, Barry Nolan, Tony Kahn, Carolyn Faye Fox, Francine Achbar



1. In the 1946 film *It’s a Wonderful Life*, Mary and George give the Martini family three housewarming gifts: bread (“... that this house may never know hunger”), salt (“... that life may always have flavor”), and wine (“... that joy and prosperity may reign forever”). But no martinis for the Martinis!

2. Isaac Asimov

Wrote in English, though born a Slav.

Thanks to his Three Laws of Robotics,

All IA’s AIs were neurotics.

3. Playing the didgeridoo can reduce nighttime snoring and sleep apnea. (The UMass Didgeridude, Andy Peters, was on hand to give a demonstration – of the instrument, not snoring or sleep apnea.)

4. Loath is a predicate adjective: “I am loath to do it.” Loathe is a verb: “I loathe doing it.”

5. A cyborg is an organism with synthetic material implanted; an android is a mechanism in human form.

6. Scully Effect: Many girls who watched *The X-Files* credit Gillian Anderson’s portrayal of Dana Scully as the no-nonsense skeptical realist of the team for inspiring them to pursue careers in the sciences.

7. Nougat – Android OS nicknames

