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Among her writings are: a guide to policy advocacy called, "So You Want to Make a Difference;" and a Play called, "How Ms. Bill Became a Law."

During the 1980s she wrote a weekly column that appeared in newspapers around the country, and did commentaries for National Public Radio's "All Things Considered."

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