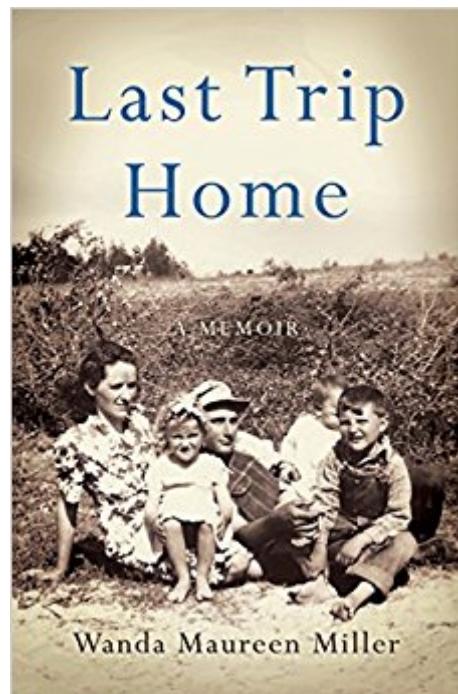


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Last Trip Home: A Memoir



Synopsis

“Who do you thank you are, the Quane of Anglund?” That’s what Grace Marie’s father used to say to her whenever he thought she was getting out of her place. In her fifties now, Grace Marie is a college professor living in a beach town in California, and when she gets a phone call telling her that her father is dead, she is glad. She hopes her return for his funeral will be her last trip home. As a young girl Grace Marie struggled to escape from poverty, her father’s lecherous, controlling grip, and a husband in the Klan. Determined to get an education, she clawed her way to a comfortable life and a home with indoor toilets—but her most unexpected struggle turned out to be survivor’s guilt, so she kept returning home to “fix” her family and the sharecropper shack. After her father’s funeral, Grace Marie burns down the family home—but only to discover that she has unexpected ties to both the land and the people in her community. She realizes she will never have a “last trip home.”

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• Gali Kronenberg, former reporter for the Los Angeles Times and San Diego Union Tribune

“In post-World War II Arkansas, Grace Marie escapes her insular past with its strict behavior codes for females. Scrubbing away drawl and shame, she is now an emancipated woman in California. Yet she feels compelled to return home repeatedly when her family desperately needs help. The tone is often dark, yet there is redemption in her rise above poverty, shameful secrets, and a violent, out-of-bounds father. The story takes the cliché “you can’t go home again” theme and turns it into a more complicated look at community bonds, family love, and sense of duty.”

• Sharon Steeber, professor of English at Santa Monica College, author of *The Jews*, and coauthor of the *Reading Faster and Understanding More* series

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• Judy Francis, former diplomat for the US Department of State

Like her main character, Grace Marie, Wanda Maureen Miller grew up on an Arkansas farm, read and wrote for escape, got an education, and moved to California. She taught college English and published four other books. She is retired now and lives in Manhattan Beach, CA, with a retired doctor. She has a daughter and granddaughter living in North Carolina and still owns the farm she grew up on.

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