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About the Author

Caroline Miller was born in 1904. After her marriage, she began traveling through rural south Georgia, interviewing the people she met and planning a novel; as she had not attended college, her husband taught her about literature. "He was my college," she said. In 1934, she won the Pulitzer Prize for Literature with *Lamb in His Bosom*. Her second novel, *Lebanon*, was published in 1944. Caroline Miller died in 1992.

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