



ABOUT BOOKS AND THE PEOPLE WHO WRITE THEM  
A Lively, Improbable Story  
"SILVER MOON"

By Eleanor H. Abbot.

Three charming girls and three good looking young men receive invitations from a Miss Vidale to spend a week with her at her country home. They all accept although they have never heard of her before.

On their arrival, much to their surprise, Miss Vidale does not put in appearance. In her place there is a paid chaperone, a Mrs. Devon, who does not know any of them, nor does she seem to know why they have been invited. She explains that Miss Vidale has been rushed to the hospital, violently ill. Mrs. Devon's part of the program is to carry out certain instructions which she reads from a little book.

The amazed group accept the situation, put their heads together and discuss the whole mysterious proceeding, and finally make up their minds to make the best of it and have a jolly good time for the week.

The most fascinating girl in the party is one with the commonplace name of Mary Smith, but who is nicknamed "New Moon." She furnishes much of the interest in the story. She is bright, attractive and very lovable. Each one of the three men sort of hopes that he is the man, but here the unexpected happens again.

In the meanwhile what of Miss Vidale? What is her motive for the whole thing? But that's another mystery too.

Josephine Oakes Wheeler.

A Book for Mothers

"HARRY" By Neith Boyce

In memory of her son who died at eighteen, Neith Boyce has painted a word portrait of him. It stands fearless, and erect, a monument more impressive than a shaft of granite, a memorial that people everywhere will admire.

Harry was a sturdy, outdoor type with a passion for the West and a determination to be a cowboy. In spite of his youth and inexperience, he is permitted to leave home, although the family never entirely approves of the step. It is just of the small incidents of the family life, of the village of New Hampshire, where the "Boyce's" lived for several years, of the neighbors, of the reactions to the war. She writes charmingly in an easy, informal style with no attempt at plot or novel construction. She sets out to record the life of her young son and she succeeds admirably.

In fact, so well does she succeed that she gives more than a story of her young son, she faithfully transcribes the life and thoughts of the average youth, his impressions at adolescence, his struggles and his eventual victory. The story concerns not only "Harry," it concerns "Tom, Dick and Harry." Every mother with a son will want to see the actual

transcription of a mother's feelings; every mother will appreciate the dignified restraint that is more telling than pages of sentimentalism. How the mother felt at the outbreak of the war, how the son himself felt, is honestly related with no attempt at mock heroics. We recommend "Harry" to every mother and mother's son.

Myra May Eichberg.

As a Man Soweth

"THE WHITE FLAG"

By Gene Stratton Porter.

Mrs. Porter's stories are the kind that holds one's attention until the end. "The White Flag" is another one of her books that proves this claim.

In Mahala Spellman and Jason Peters, two of the chief characters we realize how impotent are they who become the victims of an evil person.

Mahala is a well brought up, kind hearted, beautiful child, admired by all her friends. She is especially liked by Junior (whom she despises), a chip of the old block, the pampered and devilish son of Mr. Moreland, the town banker, who is a sinister and all powerful figure in the lives of many of Ashwater's inhabitants.

Jason Peters is the ugly duckling. He is poor, his father unknown. Though at the head of the class, he is ignored by all of his classmates, except Mahala, who sees a shining heart behind that rough exterior.

Edith Williams is the wealthy though discontented orphan friend of Mahala of whom she is secretly jealous.

The four children grow into men and women, living their lives according to mould and circumstances.

Through the entire story, marches Becky Sampson, a demented woman, waving aloft a white flag, the emblem of truth and purity. They who, like her, see in it a symbol of virtue are rewarded, and they who desecrate it, get their just dues.

Rose Kushner.

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**Teachers' Association in 70th Annual Session**

Many north shore teachers are attending the 70th annual meeting of the Illinois State Teachers' association held in Springfield, Ill., December 26, 27 and 28.

Prominent among the north shore educators who were expected to attend the session were Carleton W. Washburne, superintendent of the Winnetka public schools, and chairman of the Publicity committee of the association, Frederick Edson Clerk, superintendent of New Trier High school and other well known north shore educators.

Nationally known educators who are speaking at the session include, Frank D. Slutz, of Dayton, Ohio; Dr. R. L. Lyman, of the University of Chicago; Dr. Edward A. Steiner, of Grinnell college, Grinnell, Iowa; and Miss Florence M. Hale, of the Department of Education of Maine.

**GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISE**

Canalization of the Ohio river—a government-conceived and engineered proposition, begun almost fifty years ago—is to be completed to Evansville, Ind., next year, it is announced. Evansville is a little more than half of the distance planned for the project, from Pittsburgh to the Mississippi.

**SUBURBS AID N. U. DRIVE**

**Cook County Leads in Big Campaign**

North shore communities are doing acceptably well in the Greater Northwestern university campaign fund, as indicated in the following figures made public a week ago at the campaign headquarters in Chicago.

Chicago leads in the drive, with Evanston a close second. The suburbs also make a fine showing in the figures published as follows:

Chicago	998,311.00
Evanston	749,971.70
Suburban	34,424.25
Alabama	4,785.00
Arizona	240.00
California	153,372.00
Colorado	865.00
Connecticut	620.00
Delaware	1,026.00
District of Columbia	565.00
Idaho	520.00
Illinois	33,332.50
Indiana	12,130.50
Iowa	11,673.00
Kansas	4,564.00
Michigan	8,640.00
Minnesota	7,210.00
Missouri	7,896.00
Montana	1,436.00
Nebraska	2,127.00
New Mexico	375.00
New York	112,126.00
North Dakota	1,785.00
Ohio	4,138.00
Oklahoma	1,150.00
Oregon	3,270.00
Pennsylvania	3,541.00
South Dakota	3,065.00
Texas	485.00
Utah	845.00
Washington	1,500.00
Wisconsin	15,874.00

Wyoming	321.00
Mexico	509.00
Canada	832.00

Total .....\$2,183,524.95  
Reported but not received. 20,000.00

Grand total .....\$2,203,524.95  
The grand total of subscriptions is announced as being \$2,203,525, and the canvass is just getting under way in satisfactory shape, according to Robert F. Duncan campaign executive secretary. The foregoing statement does not include the \$600,000 gift promised by the General Education Board, he adds.

**Need \$354,851 More**

"A balance of \$354,851 must be pledged before July 1, 1924, if Northwestern university is to meet one of the conditions of the General Education board's offer of \$60,000," says Mr. Duncan. "Every worker and friend of Northwestern is urged to send in his or her subscription before Christmas so that the task of seeing all prospects will be minimized."

**IN THE "FOURTH ESTATE"**

A decade ago ninety per cent of the country newspapers got their power from and their editors directed great flows of profanity at gasoline engines. Now seventy-five per cent of them use electric power.

**MOTORIST! PASTE THIS ON YOUR WINDSHIELD**

Fewer automobile accidents would occur if motorists traveling the streets and roads of Illinois realized the tremendous amount of ground they cover per second even within the speed limit.

A lately compiled table reducing speed to feet traveled per second, follows:

- 10 miles per hour covers 14.66 feet per second.
- 15 miles per hour covers 22 feet per second.
- 20 miles per hour covers 29.33 feet per second.
- 25 miles per hour covers 36.66 feet per second.
- 30 miles per hour covers 44 feet per second.
- 35 miles per hour covers 51.33 feet per second.
- 40 miles per hour covers 58.66 feet per second.
- 45 miles per hour covers 66 feet per second.
- 50 miles per hour covers 73.33 feet per second.
- 55 miles per hour covers 80.66 feet per second.
- 60 miles per hour covers 88 feet per second.

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