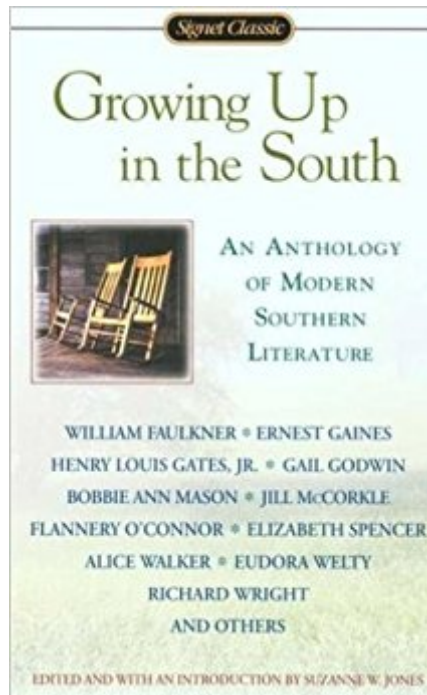




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"An engaging collection... It succeeds splendidly."

Suzanne W. Jones is a professor of American Literature and Women's Studies at the University of Richmond. The author of a number of essays about southern literature, she is also the editor of another collection of stories, *Crossing the Color Line: Readings in Black and White*, and

two collections of essays, *South to a New Place* (with Sharon Monteith) and *Writing the Woman Artist*.

The author lives close by and we all think she is hilarious. She can tell it like it is "down here".

good

We are using it for a Southern literature course for homeschool.

great short stories with some humor and sadness mixed in

Beautifully done stories by incredible authors. Many of the things that are spoken of spoke to my heart as one who himself grew up in the South of the 1950's.

Great southern short stories.

Book was a gift

Southern literature was not a course of study in my high school nor in my college english classes. I was delighted when I found this anthology which contained modern stories about growing up in the south. As the south experiences an influx of northerners and other groups from around the world it will gradually lose its unique flavor which makes it the south. *Growing Up In The South* captures the voices of those who grew up in the region and experienced all the ups and downs that this unique region of the country had to offer. Jones brings together a broad cross section of southern writers from across the region. Unlike other anthologies she is inclusive of both Black and White writers who lived in the same region but whose experiences were vastly different but in many cases overlapped. The focus of this volume is on growing up as a child in the south as well as the exploration of regional themes that permeate through all of the fictional and autobiographical selections. All anthologies run the risk of being boring or incomplete. Jones avoids this and gives one a balanced picture of southern childhood as experienced by the authors. Just a sampling of each story will encourage you to seek out the full works of the authors. Southern literature can said to be the soul of America's literary heritage. This volume indeed speaks to us from the souls of its southern authors. Share their stories and learn how they grew and matured in a region full of

violence, racism, and misunderstandings but still holds a deep sense of space and place in their lives.

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