

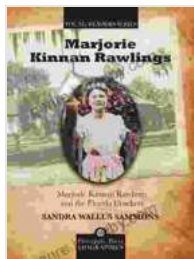
# Unveiling the Enchanting World of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and the Florida Crackers



In the heart of Florida's untamed wilderness, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings found inspiration that would forever shape American literature. Her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Yearling*, immortalized the lives and culture of the

Florida Crackers, a unique and enigmatic people who made their home in the state's backcountry.

In her biography, *Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and the Florida Crackers* (Pineapple Press), author Mimi G. Rinker reveals the fascinating story behind the beloved writer and her enduring legacy.



## Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and the Florida Crackers (Pineapple Press Biography) by Sandra Wallus Sammons

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### Early Life and Influences

Born in Washington, D.C. in 1896, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings spent her formative years in the Midwest. It was there that she developed a deep love for nature and a keen eye for the human condition. In her early 20s, she moved to Florida, where she would find her true literary calling.

The Florida Crackers were a fiercely independent and resourceful people who lived off the land. Their culture was a blend of Native American, African, and European influences. Rawlings was instantly captivated by their unique way of life, and she spent countless hours observing and interacting with them.

## Literary Career

In 1935, Rawlings published her breakthrough novel, *The Yearling*. The story of a young boy's love for his pet deer, *The Yearling* was an instant critical and commercial success. It won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1939 and has since been adapted into a film and a stage play.

Rawlings followed *The Yearling* with a series of other novels and short stories set in Florida, including *Cross Creek*, *South Moon Under*, and *The Sojourner*. Her work was praised for its vivid characters, evocative descriptions of the Florida landscape, and deep understanding of the human spirit.

## Legacy

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings died in 1953 at the age of 57. However, her legacy continues to live on through her beloved works. Her novels have been translated into more than 30 languages and continue to be read and enjoyed by audiences around the world.

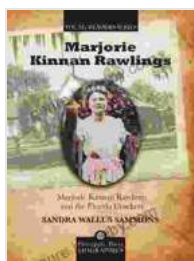
Rawlings's work has also had a profound impact on Florida culture. Her writings helped to put the Sunshine State on the literary map and inspired countless other writers to explore the region's rich history and folklore.

*Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and the Florida Crackers* is a must-read for anyone interested in American literature, Florida history, or the human condition. Mimi G. Rinker's comprehensive biography provides an intimate look at the life and work of one of the most beloved and influential writers of the 20th century.

Whether you're a longtime fan of Rawlings or just discovering her work for the first time, this book will captivate you with its fascinating stories, vivid descriptions, and enduring legacy.

To learn more about Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and the Florida Crackers, visit the following resources:

- Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society
- Literary Tourism in Florida
- *Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and the Florida Crackers* on Our Book Library



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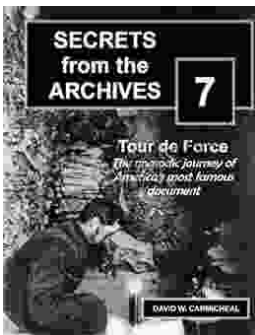
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