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Synopsis

Cross Creek is the warm and delightful memoir about the life of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings—author of *The Yearling*—in the Florida backcountry. Originally published in 1942, *Cross Creek* has become a classic in modern American literature. For the millions of readers raised on *The Yearling*, here is the story of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings's experiences in the remote Florida hamlet of Cross Creek, where she lived for thirteen years. From the daily labors of managing a seventy-two-acre orange grove to bouts with runaway pigs and a succession of unruly farmhands, Rawlings describes her life at the Creek with humor and spirit. Her tireless determination to overcome the challenges of her adopted home in the Florida backcountry, her deep-rooted love of the earth, and her genius for character and description result in a most delightful and heartwarming memoir.

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Customer Reviews

The Atlantic Monthly It is hard to see how anyone can read *Cross Creek* without pleasure amounting to glee.

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings (1896-1953) is the celebrated American author of *The Yearling*, which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1939.

Obviously a fantastic read, especially in the original hard cover version. Love this book, I would highly recommend everyone read it if they have not read it before.

Terrific story from the woods of Florida about a Pulitzer Prize winning author. A great predecessor to the book, THE YEARLING.

One of my favorite books...ever. Rawlings writes about nature as few know how. I sent a copy to someone because I wanted to share this valuable piece of literature. Check out the movie, too. Even though it isn't the book it is so good.

Cross Creek is a series of entertaining if perhaps embellished anecdotes relating to Florida in the years preceding World War II told from the perspective of a educated emigrant from the North. Some of the language, which was typical of the times, would no longer be considered politically correct and might be offensive to some. The book, however is totally delightful and gives some insight into life in rural Florida at the time. An excellent companion read is Tom Glisson's The Creek, which gives a native's view of the same time and area. Both books are a must read if you live or are interested in North Central FL.

Just started reading, but I've read enough previous comments in other sources to know this is a classic tale of the real Florida.

I have difficulty putting my love for this book into words. I feel a kinship with Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings that defies reason. After reading this book, I had to buy every book I could find about the author, and then I went to Florida to see her house and farm at Cross Creek. I have read the book aloud to other people twice and have given copies of it to friends. It may not move others in the same way as it does me, but it is a lovely depiction of life in rural Florida in the 1930s.

Excellent book, particularly if you live in the this area of Florida. She does a wonderful job of describing the area and the people in it. Quite an enjoyable read.

The story is wonderful but you better like reading in dialect!

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