

I MUST SING!

The Era With Carrie Fall Benson

by

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Telling the life of Carrie Fall Benson, this book newly introduces the witty Carrie Fall Benson as one of the South's most notable writers.

During her life, Miss Benson's work won many prizes and was published in national poetry magazines and in notable anthologies like several volumes of the Sidney Lanier Memorials.

Almost forty years after Carrie Fall Benson's death, the author was allowed to search a basement room at the LaGrange College library to find a long buried file of Carrie Fall Benson's original manuscripts. The recovered lines pled, "I must sing!" The strong voice of Carrie Fall Benson is brought out by Louise Hammett in her more than twenty year commitment to write about her life.

Her interesting historic family and friends helped develop the region as it is today. Their human experiences entwine history of west-central Georgia, Decatur, and Montgomery, Alabama, DeFuniak Springs, Florida, parts of North Carolina and Vermont. Yet, LaGrange, Georgia with the defunct Baptist College and LaGrange College are central.

Completely documented with over sixty pages of Miss Benson's writing, the book brings back life on the LaGrange College campus (1922-1949) with various alumnae telling about events that took place at the college.

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