

One Summer in Arkansas

This is a story of place, in the tradition of Southern fiction, with vivid images of Arkansas and the values of small-town life

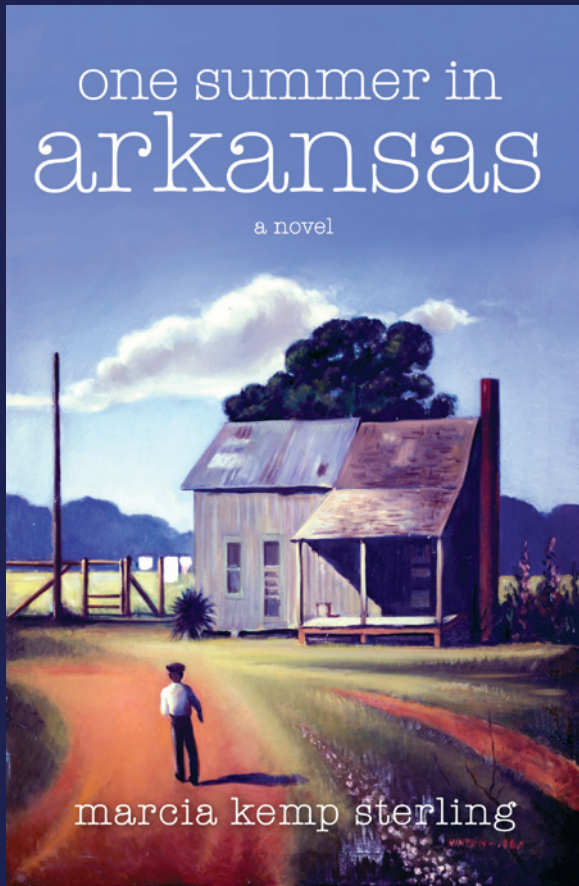
It is 1990, the stock market is soaring and Lee Addison is on a fast track to success in Silicon Valley. Just out of law school with a job lined up at one of the best firms in the Bay Area, he is positioned to join the ranks of young elites who will shape the 21st century.

But standing between him and his shining future is a promise to spend the summer back home in Riverton, Arkansas.

He is unprepared for the siren pull his hometown still holds on his heart, as he grapples with his sister's troubled adolescence, ethical questions relating to the drowning death of a black youth and the weight of his ancestral legacy.

To make matters worse, the allure of a rekindled relationship with Annie Rayburn threatens to disrupt his carefully planned future.

It is a tale of crisis and survival and the universal struggle to tap into values that will hold fast against the uncertainties of time.



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“A richly-told saga of the complexities and contradictions that play out over the course of one hot, humid summer in a small town in Arkansas.”

—Diana Richmond, author of *Some Other Time*

“...the author uses stunning descriptive text, placing radiant images in the reader’s mind.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

“With roots in Arkansas and a voice reminiscent of Carson McCullers, Sterling brings to life a uniquely Southern reconciliation of family, race and religion.”

—Sherry Laymon, author of *Fearless: John L. McClellan, United States Senator*



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