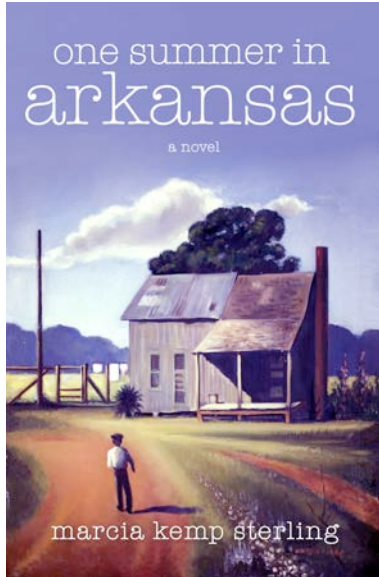


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PALO ALTO, California, November 6, 2012 – Marcia Kemp Sterling’s debut novel, *One Summer in Arkansas*, will be available for purchase online on December 1, 2012, with bookstore orders to follow after the official book launch in January 2013.

In this riveting tale of two families, intersecting across generations, steeped in the bittersweet legacy of the South, a young lawyer returns home, only to face personal and family crisis and a legacy he would rather leave behind.

A 14-year-old black youth has drowned under mysterious circumstances at a recreational park owned by the city of Riverton. Lee Addison, just out of law school and home for his last summer in Arkansas, has been assigned to the case.

When circumstances throw him together with his old flame Annie Rayburn, their rekindled romance threatens to disrupt his carefully planned future.

Lee’s younger sister is going through a troubled adolescence, her life changed forever by a dreadful accident. Once again their sharp-edged, socially striving mother must face down scandal and disgrace.

Unexpected help comes from an 80-year-old black neighbor who stands at the spiritual center of the book.

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

With roots in Arkansas and a law career in the San Francisco Bay Area, Author Marcia Kemp Sterling writes of two contrasting cultures with a sure eye and sensitivity to the enduring values of each. The engrossing storyline has elements of legal fiction, coming-of-age and romance, with rich character development and thoughtful and compassionate insight into human nature.

After graduating from Stanford Law School, Sterling was a corporate securities partner at a large Silicon Valley law firm and senior vice president and general counsel of a Fortune 1000 software company. She grew up in Texarkana, Arkansas and lives in Palo Alto, California with her husband.



One Summer in Arkansas is available through New Shelves Distribution, Ingram, Baker & Taylor, Amazon and the author's website at www.MarciaKempSterling.com.

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