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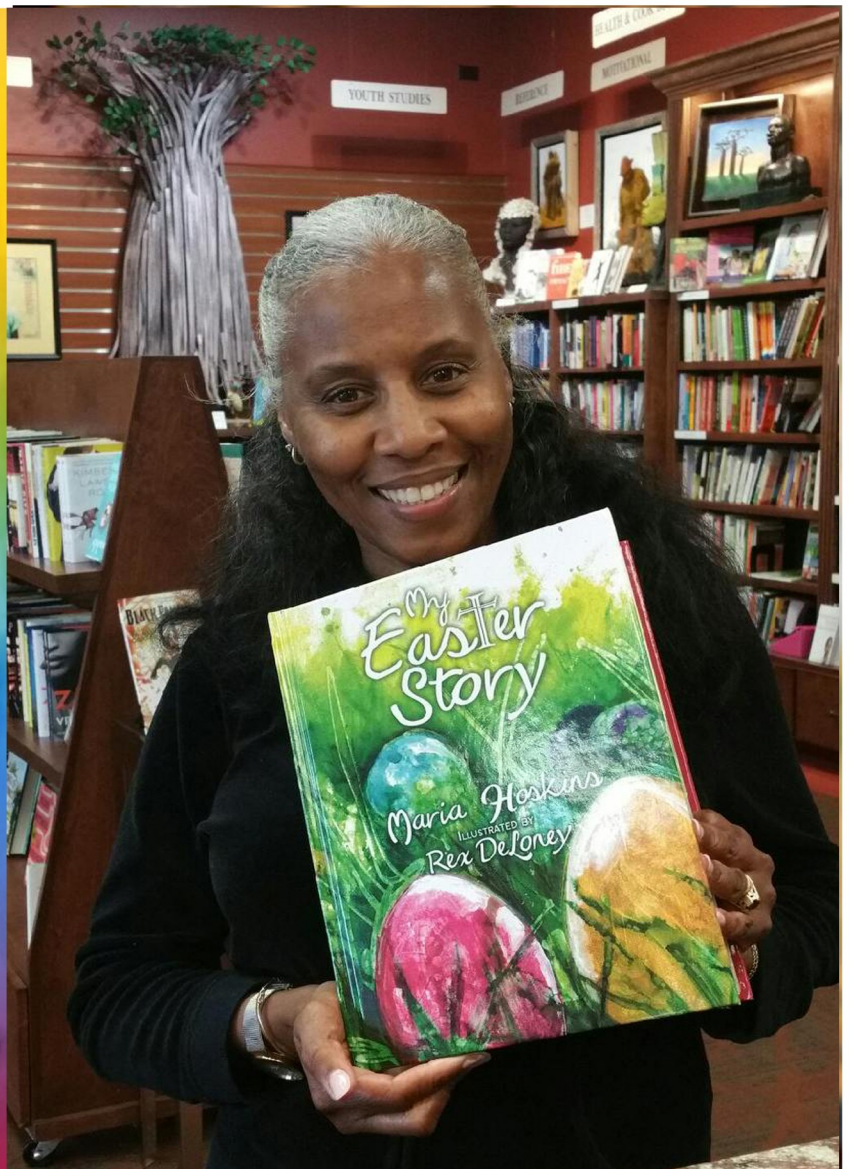


Author: Maria Hoskins  
Category: Children's Book's  
Publisher: C & V 4 Publishing



# Author Bio

Maria Hoskins has served as Community Outreach Specialist for the Federal Government for over 14 years and has been employed in the field of community outreach for over 25 years. During her tenure in federal service, she spent ten years as the Senior District Staff for Arkansas 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Congressman, Vic Snyder, until his retirement in January 2011. She is a native of Mayflower, Arkansas and a graduate of Philander Smith College where she received a B.A. in English and Communications. Maria has published three children's books through her independent publishing company C & V 4 Seasons Publishing Company; and will release her fourth book, *My Easter Story* spring 2017. Maria begins her first children's book with a vision of Christmas Eve, at her grandmother's farm, recalling memories from a moment in time, on the meaning of Christmas. So, begins the touching stories of a girl's memories of her family's holiday season in the mid-1960s on a rural Arkansas farm. "I am excited to share my books with students throughout Arkansas! The purpose of my books are to share a happy memory from a moment in time, and to encourage young readers and writers that there is a book in all of us." She is married to Archie, has two children, Christina and Victoria, and is an active member of the Palarm Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Mayflower, Arkansas.



Maria Hoskins

## Christmas Night on the Farm

“No matter the reason, I find that with each passing Christmas, my story of the “Christmas Night on The Farm” is a story that needs to be shared more and more. Similar to the story, The Night before Christmas, This story is very touching!

God has placed it on my heart to write this book for future generations to read what I can tell the world. I believe the words will inspire someone to pass on the love to others. And it is, after all, my story.”

### The Story

Maria begins this children’s book with a vision of Christmas Eve, at her grandmother’s farm, recalling memories from a moment in time, on the meaning of Christmas.

So, begins this touching story of the writer own childhood memories in her debut children’s book. Christmas Night on the Farm is the brilliantly illustrated story of a girl’s memories of her family’s holiday season in the mid-1960s on a rural Arkansas farm.

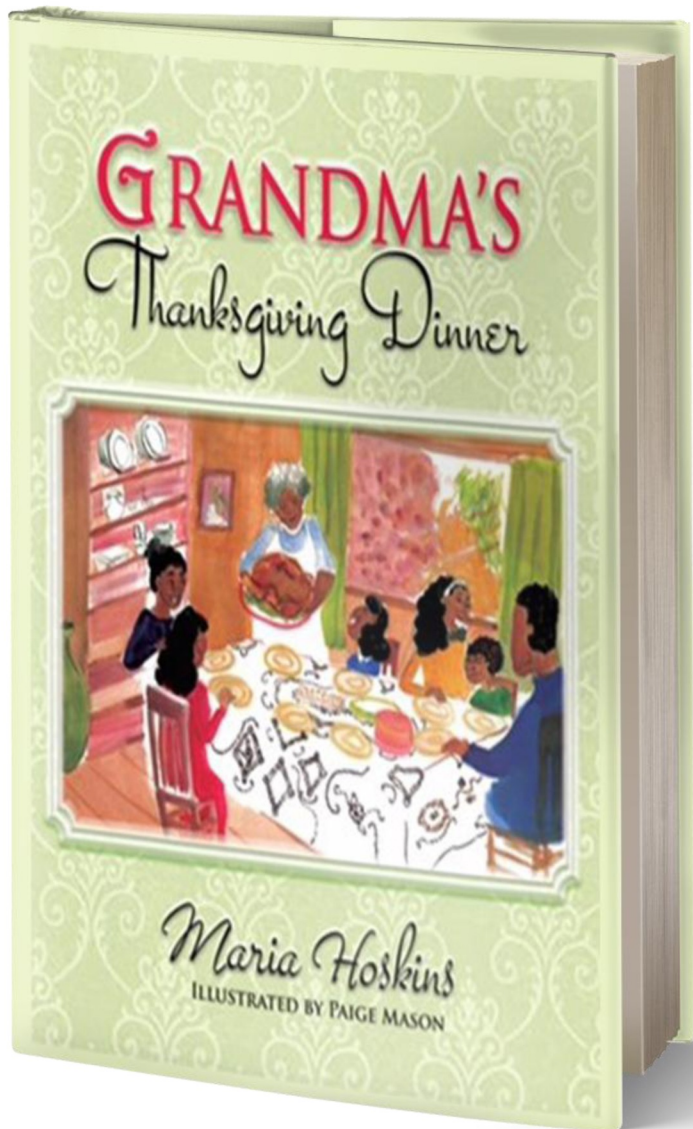


Author: Maria Hoskins

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## Grandmas Thanksgiving Dinner

Foreword by Janis F. Kearney

Maria Hoskins is a storyteller and educator whose books offer young readers a bird's-eye view of rural farm life. More than just delightful storytelling, Hoskins takes great care to ensure that her beautiful illustrations result in a meaningful and enjoyable relationship for children. Author of the 2014 *Christmas Night on the Farm*, Maria Hoskins has once again brought her magical childhood memories of holidays on the farm to young readers in her new book, *Grandma's Thanksgiving Dinner*.

Here, Hoskins shares memories of crisp autumn days on an Arkansas farm populated by a loving family and farm animals. Thanks to Hoskins' vivid memories, young readers will surely imagine waking up on Thanksgiving morning on the rural farm, feeling the warmth of the potbellied stove, and hearing the unique sounds from the barn that can only be heard on a farm.

*Grandma's Thanksgiving Dinner* is a special treat for children with no experience of farm life. They will be drawn into a world filled with love, doting parents, guardians and community members, and lively farm animals. Hoskins aptly shares a brief history lesson with her young readers about rural America and the age-old traditions of farm.



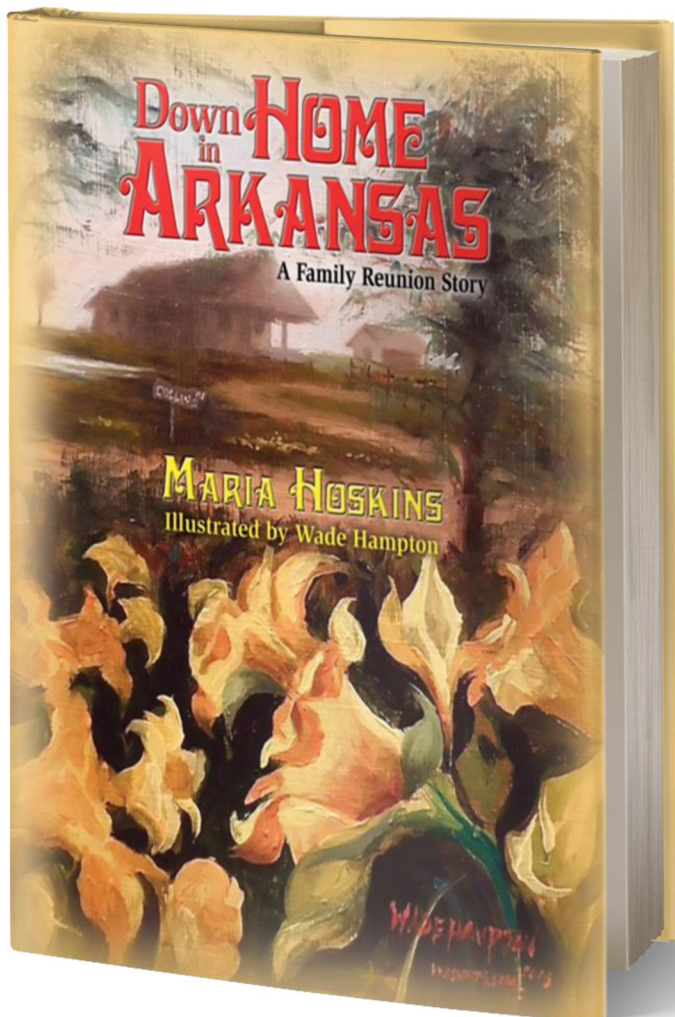
# Down Home in Arkansas

## A Family Reunion Story

As winter turns to spring and spring to summer it brings with it the change in season and the family reunion tradition. Families all over the world come together for some as much as once a year to reunite, socialize, strengthen family ties and relationships, and learn about family history.

Such is the tradition with the writer's family. Maria Hoskins recalls how fun, exciting, and entertaining her family is during the bi-annual family reunion holiday. Maria hopes each reader will enjoy her family reunion story and draw on the commonality readers will experience as they associate their family reunion with the writer's family reunion story.

Down Home in Arkansas, A Family Reunion Story allows the reader a vehicle to drive the lanes of their historical landscape. The view includes historical context connecting the driver to times past while introducing current visions of the same lanes of history. It promotes fluidity of conversation between generations while exposing the connection between generations.



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January 11, 2016



## My Easter Story

Some family traditions we carry with us from childhood into our adult lives. The memories are stored in the very depth of our souls. As children it did not matter ones' religion, race, or social status; holidays may be celebrated in different ways, but we have that common thread; we celebrate with our loved ones and create memories that last a lifetime.

Easter is one of the holidays that may take on a different name depending on religion, place of residence, or ethnic culture, but the traditional celebrations are similar.

Such is the tradition with the writer's family. Maria Hoskins recalls how fun, exciting, and special Easter preparation and Easter Sunday activities were during her childhood, especially at her Grandmother's house. Maria hopes each reader will enjoy her Easter story and recall those moments when things like finding a basket of colored and candy eggs felt and tasted like there was nothing else better in the whole wide world.



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# TESTIMONIALS



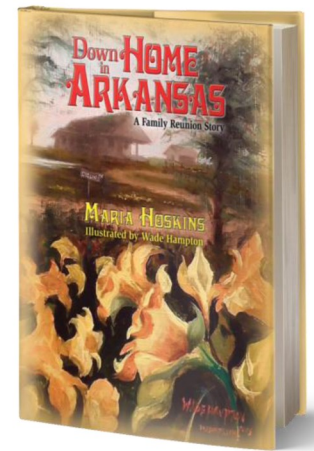
“GRANDMA'S Thanksgiving Dinner & Christmas Night on the Farm are excellent bed time stories for the holiday season. Maria Hoskins has captured the essence of the importance of everlasting family traditions and will help create fond memories for all.”

Garbo Watson Hearne, Director Pyramid Art, Books & Custom Framing



"Love having you and your book in our writing our lives memoir writing workshop, Maria Hoskins!"

Janis F. Kearney, Author of *Daisy: Between a Rock and a Hard Place*



“Hoskins delivers another great family tradition in picture book form to follow up her *Christmas Night on the Farm*. In this story the family is gathering at Grandma’s farm for Thanksgiving. The table has been set with the good family china and silver, all in the proper places! Grandma has been cooking a feast to share with family and friends that are coming to celebrate the day. You can almost smell the roasting turkey and the baking pies as you turn the pages! Hoskins shares a slice of Thanksgiving traditions from her family in this picture book graced with lovely watercolor illustrations. Hoskins has included some questions at the end of the story so children can begin talking and writing about their own family Thanksgiving traditions. A fine story to share with your family!”

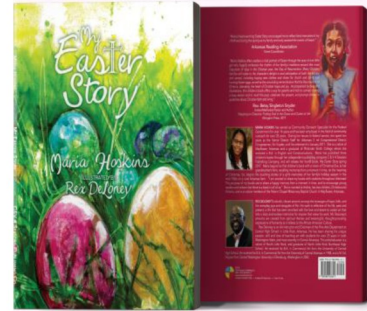
Amy Miller, MLS  
Youth Collection Development Librarian  
Central Arkansas Library System

Maria,  
Thank you so much for coming today. You are just fabulous, wonderful, awesome and just a beautiful person. We so enjoyed your visit and everyone has been talking about your book. Thank you so much!

Judy Rogers  
Eagle Mountain Magnet Elementary School  
Health & Medical Science  
Library Media Specialist



# Target Audience



## WHO SHOULD READ

- Elementary School Students
- Jr. High School Students
- High School Students
- Parents and Guardians
- Teachers/Educators
- Everyone

## BOOK BENEFITS

- Stronger Analytical Thinking Skills
- Vocabulary Expansion
- Memory Improvement
- Improved Focus and Concentration
- Better Writing Skills
- Entertainment



# 2016 EVENTS

Date: April 3 - 5, 2016  
Location: Springdale, AR  
Note: Annual AAIM Conference

Date: May 6-7, 2016  
Location: El Dorado, AR  
Note: Preservation of African American Cemeteries

Date: May 9, 2016  
Location: Avondale Elementary School  
West Memphis, AR  
Note: Author Visit

Date: May 12, 2016  
Location: Discovery Day Arkansas State Park  
Note: Author Visit

Date: May 16, 2016  
Location: Gibbs Magnet  
Little Rock, AR  
Note: Author Visit

Date: May 21, 2016  
Location: Sistahs of Color Book Club  
Little Rock, AR  
Note: Book Reading

Date: May 21, 2016  
Location: Lighthouse Christian Book Store  
Conway, Arkansas  
Note: Vendor Setup

Date: June 11, 2016  
Location: LRCH Visitor Center  
North Little Rock, AR  
Note: Book Discussion/Reading

Date: June 18, 2016  
Location: Knowledge Tree  
West Memphis, AR  
Note: Book Discussion/Reading

Date: June 17, 2016  
Location: Pyramid Art Books and Custom Framing - Little Rock, AR  
Note: Author Reception

Date: July 9, 2016  
Location: Knowledge Tree  
Little Rock, AR  
Note: Book Signing

Date: September 10, 2016  
Location: Mid-South Book Festival  
Note: Panel/Book Signing

Date: September 30, 2016  
Location: Arkansas Beautification Society  
Gallery – Conway, AR  
Note: Panel/Book Signing

Date: October 1, 2016  
Location: Conway City Hall  
Conway, AR  
Note: Book Reading

Date: October 17, 2016  
Location: UAPB  
Pine Bluff, AR  
Note: Book Review

Date: October 26, 2016  
Location: UALR  
Little Rock, AR  
Note: Women-Owned Business Discussion Forum

Date: November 17-18, 2016  
Location: Literacy Conference  
Little Rock, AR  
Note: Book Reading

Date: December 4, 2016  
Location: Mosaic Templars  
Little Rock, AR  
Note: book signing and reading

Date: December 10, 2016  
Location: Faulkner County Library  
Note: Author Visit

Date: December 17, 2016  
Location: Plantation Agriculture Museum  
Scott, AR  
Note: Holiday Event



# 2015 EVENTS

Date: September 11, 2015  
Location: Memphis, TN  
Note: Meet the Author

Date: September 18 – 19, 2015  
Location: Paul Laurence Dunbar  
Neighborhood Little Rock, AR  
Note: Paul Laurence Dunbar Community  
Festival

Date: September 26, 2015  
Note: Faulkner County Library 4th Annual  
Author's Fair

Date: October 15, 2015  
Location: South Main ~ Little Rock, AR  
Note: Author Reception

Date: October 23, 2015  
Location: Pyramid Art, Books, and Custom  
Framing  
Note: Grandma's Thanksgiving Dinner Book  
release reception

Date: November 7, 2015  
Location: Pyramid Art, Books, and Custom  
Framing  
Note: BOABAB Story Time

Date: November 7, 2015  
Location: Abundant Blessing Day Care  
Conway, Arkansas  
Note: book signing and reading

Date: November 8, 2015  
Location: Rock of Ages Church ~ North Little  
Rock, AR  
Note: book signing and reading

Date: November 8, 2015  
Location: Central AR Library System  
Note: Book Fair

Date: November 13, 2015  
Location: Greenbrier Elementary School

Date: November 16, 2015  
Huntsville School District

Date: November 19, 2015  
Location: Gibbs Little Rock Magnet School

Date: November 24, 2015  
Location: Batesville School District

Date: December 6, 2015  
Location: Mosaic Templars Cultural Center  
Note: Holiday Open House

Date: December 12, 2015  
Location: Hastings, Conway

Date: December 16, 2015  
Location: Pleasant Branch Baptist Church  
Conway, AR

Date: December **19, 2015**  
Location: Daisy Bates Elementary Book  
Note: Reading and Signing

Date: December 19, 2015  
Location: Knowledge Tree ~ Little Rock, AR  
Note: Book signing event

Date: December 19, 2015  
Location: ACH- Ronald McDonald House  
Note: Book Reading

Date: December 20, 2015  
Location: Pyramid Art, Books and Custom  
Framing ~ Little Rock, Arkansas  
Note: Book Reading

Date: December 23, 2015  
Location: Praise 102.5  
Note: Radio Interview

# MEDIA

## ArkansasOnline

Arkansasonline.com  
Former congressional aide  
*writes children's book*  
December 7, 2015

Last year, Hoskins went on a search for a book that represented her memories of Christmas at her grandmother's on the farm in Mayflower. She went to see friend Garbo Hearne, who owns Pyramid Art, Books & Custom Framing and Hearne Fine Art in Little Rock. "I said, 'I want a book something like *The Night Before Christmas*, but more like I grew up,'" Hoskins said she told Hearne. She wanted it to be fun for kids and also talk about the birth of Jesus. "After I whined and fussed and griped, she said, 'Maria, just go write the book,'" Hoskins said. One night, after everyone else was in bed, Hoskins said she started thinking about it, and she was filled with happiness. "Mama always made Christmas fun, but being at Grandma's house was special fun," she said.

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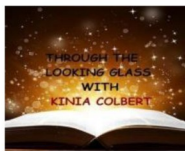
TheCabin.net  
Mayflower resident pens  
*first children's book*  
November 28, 2014

Maria Hoskins of Mayflower could not find the book she was looking for, so she wrote it herself. A community outreach specialist for the federal government for 25 years, Hoskins found herself becoming a children's author when she went looking for a book depicting a Christmas like the ones she used to enjoy as a child. "I had a wonderful childhood," she said. "Going to grandma's house, staying on the farm. I always heard the story of the real meaning of Christmas."



Europeangeeks.com  
Author Spotlight:  
Maria Hoskins  
May 7, 2015

I am excited to share my first book with students throughout Arkansas! The purpose of this book is to share a happy memory from a moment in time, the meaning of Christmas, and to encourage young readers and writers that there is a book in all of us. Writing a book was not planned. I had no thoughts of writing a book. A project that started as a gift to my mother, turned into a children's book project. I have always enjoyed poetry. I am sure this is why I chose to write "Christmas Night on the



Through the Looking Glass with Kinia Colbert  
Internet Radio interview with Author Maria Hoskins  
October 9, 2015



KABF on the air with Patrick Oliver  
Radio interview with Author Maria Hoskins



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### **New Children's Book Release, Celebrating Easter Holiday**

Author Maria Hoskins captures her own childhood memories in her fourth children's book. *My Easter Story* is the brilliantly illustrated story of a girl's memories of her family's Easter preparation and Easter Sunday events in the mid-1960s on a rural Arkansas farm and at the local church. Young readers will enjoy recollections told about a family's Easter day preparations and activities; adults as well will enjoy being able to recall similar memories.

Destined to be a classic with its beautiful and captivating illustrations by Rex DeLoney, *My Easter Story* gives children of all ages a memorable glimpse of all the wonderful memories recalled from the time on a grandmother's farm: the smells, the feelings, and the thoughts one might experience on Easter Sunday morning. For more information on where to purchase

*My Easter Story* contact:

C&V 4 Seasons Publishing Company, LLC  
Release date scheduled for April 1, 2017  
Illustrated Hardcover Book; (\$21.99) approximately 28 pages

Members of the media who wish to review this book may request a complimentary paperback copy by contacting the publisher at (501) 336-4726. To set up an interview with the author or to purchase copies of the book, please email C&V 4 Seasons Publishing Company, LLC, at info@seasons2dream.com or call (501) 336-4726.

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