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New Writing by Lynn Hoggard

A Captivating Memoir in

Essays

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***Motherland* is a vivid collection of essays and poetry about growing up in a small place near a southern Louisiana levee intertwined with memoirs of a strong, marvelously determined mother.**

Throughout Hoggard's work the sometimes comic, sometime pitiless sides of acquiring knowledge shimmer and delight. There's not a bit of sentimentality here; instead we receive a clear-eyed version of a part of the world now lost. —Carolyn Osborn, author of *Contrary People*

Left out in left field, a small and delicate girl grows strong on Cajun cuisine in *Motherland*'s squirrels and bayou snakes. Visions in prose and verse interweave captions of condor parent, church lady, school integrated through walls of Klan, and Earth Goddess, to forever capture, for all of us, her vanishing world of nightmare and beauty in mid-century Southern Louisiana.

—Ann Daghistany Ransdell, Texas Tech University

Lynn Hoggard's poems and stories richly evoke mid-20th-century south Louisiana—a soft, rural, small-town world not so far away in years, yet lost now in the dust of galloping development. *Motherland* is a hymn to that region's sweet, watery earth, its people and customs, and the author's deep, vivid memories. This book is a treasure.

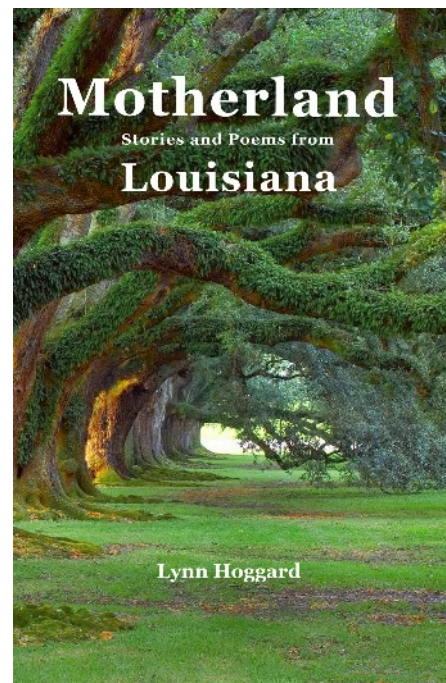
—Ann McCutchan, author of *River Music: An Atchafalaya Story*

Lynn Hoggard has published dozens of poems and four books, including three translations from the French, one of which (*Nelida*) won the Sourette Diehl Fraser award for translation given by the Texas Institute of Letters. She has been president of the American Literary Translators Association and has taught English, French, and Humanities at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, where she lives with her husband, poet and novelist James Hoggard.

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