



Summary Information

Title: HULA GIRLS

Author: Eric B. Miller

Categories: Literary Fiction; Literary Women's Fiction; General Fiction

Targeted Audience:

General readers who like to escape into the past with a good story, driven by character and voice in an open field of idealism, aspiration, and collisions with reality.

Author Biography:

Eric B. Miller holds an MA in English. He has worked on farms in Belgium, Maryland, and Virginia, followed by more years than necessary in the business world. He retired from a challenging eighteen-year career with the American Red Cross and went back to writing when his wife died.

Book Synopsis:

Set in pre-war Pearl Harbor, *Hula Girls* deals with the problem of finding one's place in the world when the rug gets pulled out from under. Descending into dark reaches, young Navy wife Claudia Wyler tells her own story as she suffers through humiliation and degradation to turn evil against itself and into good, never letting her sights off the goal of a better life for her child.

Book Description:

Claudia Wyler is a young navy wife living in Hawaii in 1941, striving to be the perfect helpmate to her ambitious husband. She believes devoutly in the dictates of "The Housewife's Pledge" and embraces the gender roles, social mores, and cultural norms of pre-feminist America. She seeks guidance in *The Newlywed Cookbook* and *Woman's Home Companion*, and finds solace for her failings in the weekly delivery of *Life* magazine.

Spanning wartime Hawaii to mainland America in the 1950s, *Hula Girls* presents one woman's unique perspective on love between men and women, independence and relationships, and the values that continue to fail her. When events overturn her world and she is left without the protections afforded women of the time, Claudia enters a downward spiral of degradation in a struggle for life that becomes a poignant story of obsession, sacrifice, and a mother's love.

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