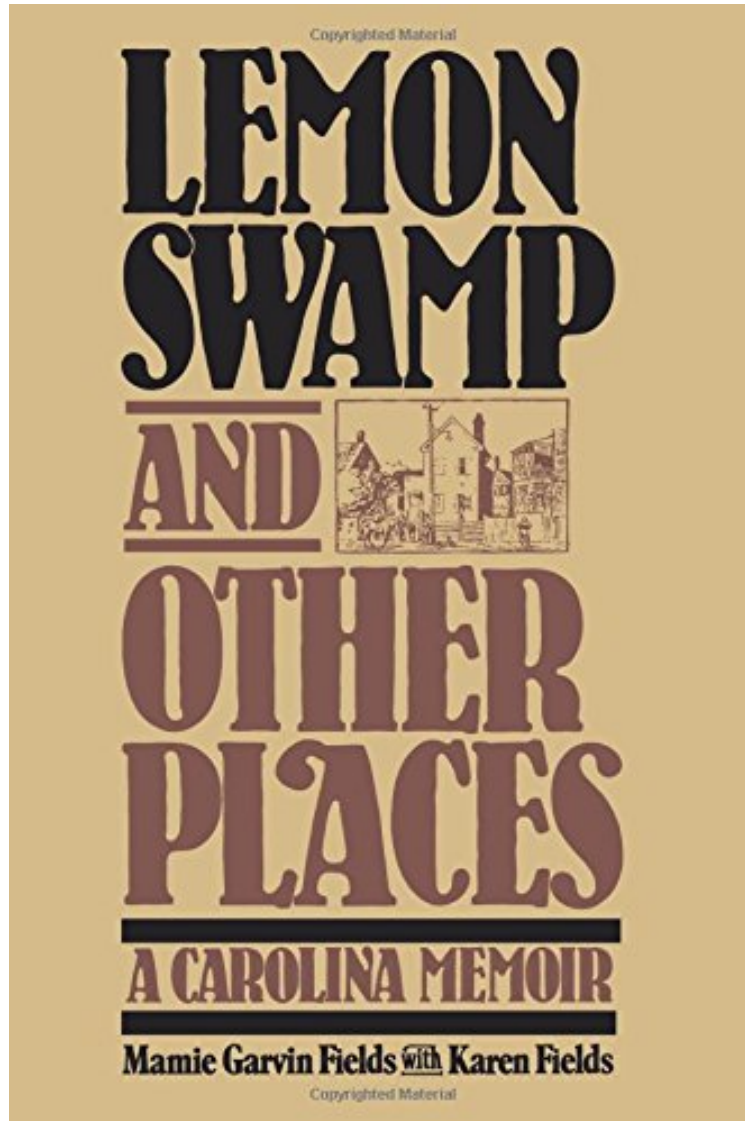


Lemon Swamp and Other Places: A Carolina Memoir

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detailed in the work she and others have done. It's a really great book. I will say that if you're looking for more analysis, Karen Fields's introduction and epilogue are pretty undertheorized and there's little to no analysis, which I think is fine for the book but may not be what you're looking for. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Jashane Morrison Good read. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Interesting read By Mima Carol I'm still working on this one. It is a bit hard for me since I am white Southern and the authors are not. My family never owned slaves nor lived in an area that had many. We were and are poor, dirt farmers but proud that when we had extra help they were paid for their service and fed the same thing my uncles, aunts, and parents were by my grandmother every day. I feel bad for those descendants of slaves but glad that nobody in my family participated in this abomination. I hope to gain greater insight from this book.

Synopsis coming soon.....

Karen Fields, professor of sociology at Brandeis University, spent a year taping her grandmother's stories - sipping okra soup, laughing over her kitchen table, and listening. The result is *Lemon Swamp*, Mamie Garvin Fields' memories of her childhood and her life as an educated black woman in early twentieth-century Charleston, South Carolina. Born in 1888, Mamie Fields was part of an extended family and a large neighborhood. Keeping track of all the names and places makes the early chapters hard work, but there's a reason for the details, and almost every one has a story. Mamie Fields tells of Charleston parks where blacks were not allowed to sit on the benches, and describes jubilant picnics in the country, filled with food, families, dancing, and hide-and-go-seek. There is her grandfather's plantation, with its Lemon Swamp, where her grandmother was "lost" during Sherman's march. And there are the schools on the Sea Islands - "a place behind God's back" - where Mamie Fields taught. In *Lemon Swamp*, Mamie Fields remembers what blacks were not allowed to do in the South and won't let anybody forget what they accomplished. When other teachers told her "'Don't bother with the white people to get necessities for your school'...[her] attitude was 'He's a man and he speaks English. I will ask him.' " She did ask and she did accomplish - often without asking. She's a remarkable woman, and together she and her granddaughter bring a remarkable history to life. -- For great reviews of books for girls, check out *Let's Hear It for the Girls: 375 Great Books for Readers 2-14*. -- From *500 Great Books by Women*; review by Erica Bauermeister From the Publisher 8 1.5-hour cassettes