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Jane Roberts Wood ❁ *Seven Stories*



Since the publication of her first novel, *The Train to Estelline*, in 1987, Jane Roberts Wood has won both a wide readership and critical acclaim for her fiction. In honor of her accomplishments (six novels and one children's story published to date), and in gratitude for her donation of her archive to SMU, the DeGolyer Library is pleased to publish *Seven Stories*, a collection of Wood's short fiction.

Readers of her novels will find many familiar elements at work here: a strong narrative voice, a sure sense of place, and plots that emerge from character and situation. The short stories confirm what many have known for a long time: Jane Wood is a master storyteller, with a sensitive ear for the expressive power of the English language. She writes with affection and sympathy for her characters, coupled with insight into the complexities of human experience, both comic and tragic.

For those who admire the compression of the short story form, here is a compelling volume. New readers meeting Jane Wood for the first time in these pages could not have a better introduction to her work. Long-time readers will find additional evidence that Jane Wood is an American writer at the peak of her powers.

As Phyllis Bridges writes in the foreword, "In all of the stories of the collection, there is a striving for understanding, a quest for beauty, a desire for belonging, a search for love."

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