Sue Monk Kidd

"Sue Monk Kidd was born and raised in small-town Georgia. Drawn to writing as an adolescent, she pursued an education and career in nursing before returning to writing. After writing the spiritual memoirs God's Joyful Surprise and The Dance of the Dissident Daughter, she turned to fiction. Her first novel was The Secret Life of Bees, published in 2002." from the Chancellor's Reading Club.

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Sue Monk Kidd was happily writing inspirational essays for Christian magazines, driving carpool for her two kids, and generally being a good Southern Baptist wife and mother when she found herself in the midst of a feminist awakening. That spiritual journey led her to join the Episcopal Church and affected nearly every aspect of her life, including her writing. But she could have never imagined where she would end up--on the bestseller list. After chronicling her transformation in two spiritual memoirs--*When the Heart Waits* (1990) and *The Dance of the Dissident Daughter* (1996), both by HarperSanFrancisco--she turned to her first love: fiction.

Her first novel, *The Secret Life of Bees*, published last year by Viking, has sold more than 1 million copies and been on the bestseller list for the better part of a year. Although ostensibly about a young girl's coming of age in the South in the 1960s, it also has been called "one of the more interesting books about Mary" by *Publishers Weekly*. To Read More, Click on the Article Title

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