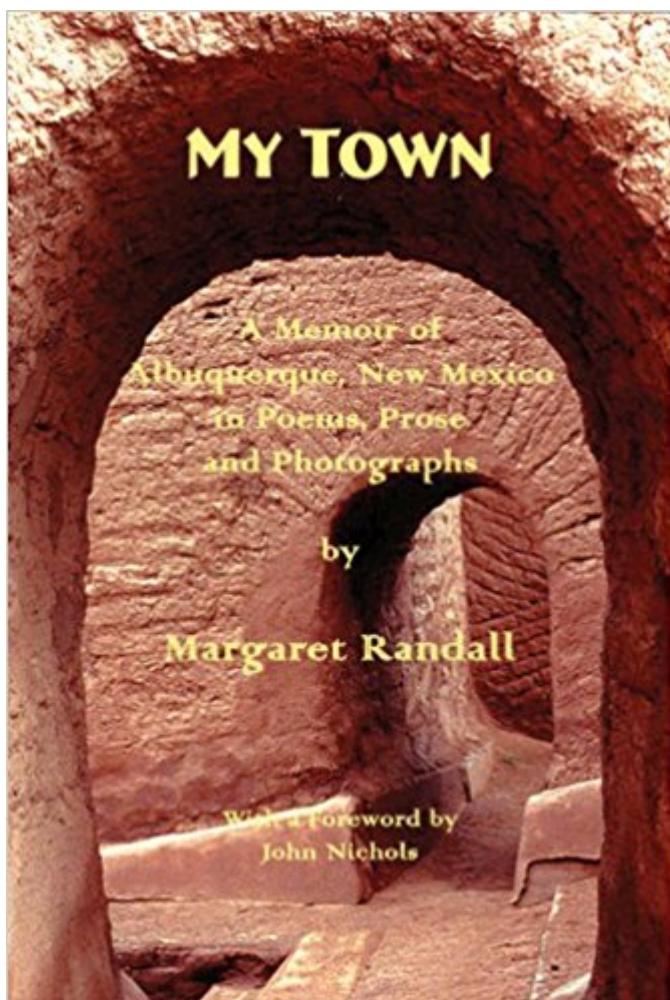


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My Town: A Memoir Of Albuquerque, New Mexico, In Poems, Prose And Photographs



Synopsis

Incorporating short prose, photography, and poetry, this memoir celebrates Albuquerque, New Mexico, and recollects how the author's life and the city itself were impacted by Cold War politics, the atomic bomb, McCarthyism, racism, and misogyny. Covering topics such as familial relationships, troubled marriage, lesbianism, and human rights activism, this collection also provides a poetic understanding of the region's history and culture over the past half century. Politically charged, this account highlights inhumane government policies while recounting the history of this Southwestern town.

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"Margaret Randall's *My Town* is an exciting and genre-bending memoir from one of America's most prolific and socially conscious artists. Her

blending of poetry, prose, and photography offers the reader multiple avenues through which to enter My Town's themes of memory and place." à "Southwestern American Literature

Margaret Randall is a feminist poet, writer, photographer and social activist. She is the author of more than 80 books, including Sandinoâ™s Daughters: Testimonies of Nicaraguan Women in Struggle, Stones Witness, and Their Backs to the Sea: Poems and Photographs. She lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. John Nichols is an iconic New Mexico novelist and the author of The Milagro Beanfield War. He lives in Taos, New Mexico.

The expression "all politics is local" means that the exertion of power and its consequences are above all not abstractions but immediate concerns where one happens to live one's life. In the case of Margaret Randall's "My Town," as well as her numerous other books, the same could be said for all poetics and all social consciousness, for Randall, who started out her writing career in downtown NYC in the late 1950s before living for over two decades in Mexico, Cuba and Nicaragua, has spent her writing career observing her various localities up close, with a compassion that matches her intelligence and her ethical engagement with others. In her memoir "My Town" she returns to Albuquerque, where she now lives , the city in which she grew up, to see what has changed in it and, in turn, in her as well. Tracing recollections through photographs, poems, and essays, she speaks of place as an extension of her being, and looks back on the 1950s Albuquerque in light of what has changed in those internal and external topographies. Highlights include an essay on the dark secrets of Lovelace Hospital, a poem on community racism and creative writing class, circa the mid 1950s, and moving essays on her relationships to her father("Dad's Metronome"), another on a onetime love interest named Sam whose life story circles back into her own unexpectedly decades later, and Randall's tender portrait of her earliest champion, the painter Elaine de Kooning.

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