

Adventures in Ink



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How 'bout that (beautiful) new cover?! And wait until you hear Rebecca Avery's warm, lovely voice narrating Emily and Vincent's story...perfection!

With the release of the audio edition, ALL editions (Hardcover, Paperback, E-book) now feature this "literary" cover art. Learn more at *Live Your Poem!*

To celebrate, I'm giving away 10 FREE DOWNLOADS! To enter, simply reply to this email by 12:01 am CST on Monday, September 14! Winners will be notified by email soon thereafter. Good luck!

Welcome to
The Whimsical
World of Lois
Wilson!

MEET LOIS!



Some people called it trash. Lois called it ART.

A couple of years ago, I made a big decision: to only work on projects I love... and once completed, I would do **whatever it takes** to bring that project to life.

When I discovered Lois Wilson's art, I fell in love. Her story moved me. So I went to the Fayette Art Museum to view the 2,500 pieces (!) she donated to the city, and I fell even deeper in love!

I promptly wrote a picture book manuscript and revised it many a time. Joy! And then it was time to try to sell it. Y'all, I got feedback like: *Love it, great message, but no one knows of Lois Wilson.* To which I would argue: *That's why there needs to be a book about her!* But publishers these days often aren't willing or able to take a risk on a book without a guaranteed audience.

So, with love and support from my family and the good folks at Fayette, I decided to make a book about Lois myself. A chapbook, actually. Staple-bound, cozy in your hand, chock full of Lois's amazing art. It will be on sale for the first time in Fayette, Alabama, on September 12, during the annual Fayette Art Festival. Here's to you, Lois Wilson!

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"The bite-sized poems... work well for reading aloud to young listeners, especially those that focus on sounds." - *Horn Book*



"This cozy collection of 66 short poems celebrates all things 'home'...with a clever poetic form called a **Wordspinner**."

- *School Library Journal*

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Come In! Come In! Wordspinners to Welcome You Home is **on sale**
October 20, 2026! Here's the response I received from one reader:

There's something **quietly magical** about *Come In! Come In!*. Instead of asking children to search for adventure somewhere far away, you remind them that **wonder already exists in the rooms they walk through every day**. With a few carefully chosen words, **ordinary household objects become invitations to imagine, smile, and see the familiar in an entirely new light**.

Lovely, yes?

In other news, I'll be hanging out at the Blount County Fair with my friend Roger Thorne, curator of Blount County Memorial Museum, and Mary Gordon Duffee! Not the real Mary, because she died in 1920. But we'll have another joy-project available: *The Mary Gordon Duffee Sampler*.

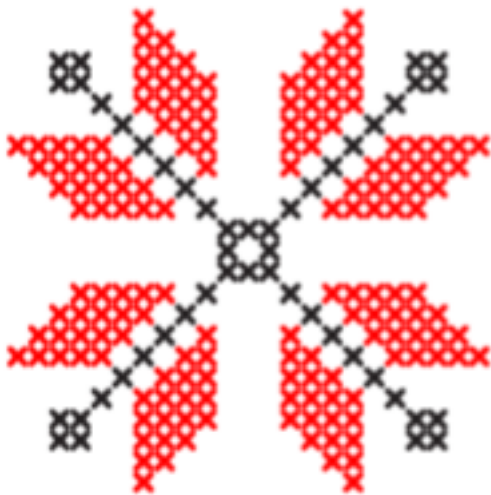
Again, I'm not yet set up for online sales, so email me if you'd like a copy!

In related news, the play I wrote—*The Many Lives of Mary Gordon Duffee*—will be staged March 12-22, 2027, by The Covered Bridge Players (Oneonta, AL). More on this soon!

Mary Gordon Duffee Sampler

new chapbook

featuring poems &
prose by MGD



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And that's it for now. Thanks so much for reading!

Wishing you a beautiful autumn,

Irene



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