

A Catch of Grandmothers



This little book is for every mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother—and the rest of the family, too. In lyrically beautiful verse, the author and Rockland County native Firth Haring Fabend tells us about nine generations of her “grandmothers,” back to the first to come to Rockland—“a wolf-ridden forest”—in the 1600s.



You will learn of their joys: a baby's baptism, rocking the cradle, a great-grandmother's holding a new-born great-grandson, a summer picnic under the trees, a farm whose bounty fed the family, Rockland's pristine scenery. You also learn of heart-breaking sorrows: deaths of children in their infancy, the burdens of being a mother and farmer's wife even with the help of slaves in the early days, widowhood, and the destruction of barn, livestock, orchard, and stores of food by armies on both sides and by marauders during the Revolution.



Mrs. Fabend's vignettes of her female ancestors are based on the same solid scholarship that has marked her books and many articles on the Dutch in New York and New Jersey. In the past, historians have focused most of their attention on the original male settlers. Convinced that wives and female relatives deserve recognition as well, Mrs. Fabend wrote *A Catch of Grandmothers* to pay tribute in poetry to her nine foremothers and, by extension, to all their nameless sisters, whose role in our history has gone unrecognized and unappreciated.



A Catch of Grandmothers is an ideal gift for birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, other family celebrations, and holidays.

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