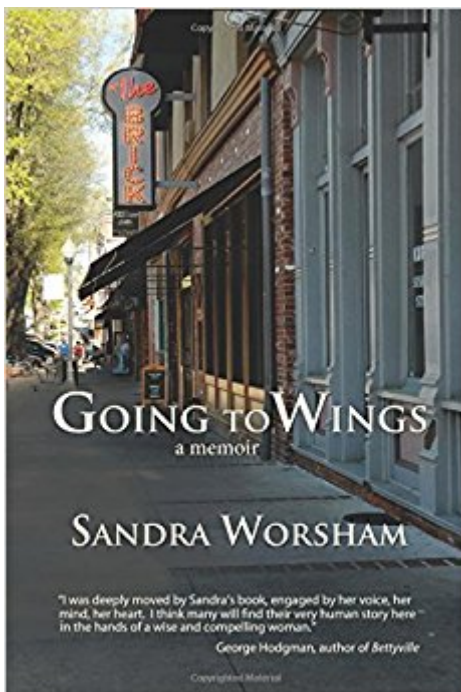


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# Going To Wings



## Synopsis

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A palpable and invigorating book, mapping one woman's lifelong efforts to discover her own sexual identity through Christianity and friendship.

Kirkus Review "Sandra Worsham's humor, clear-eyed honesty stitch this amazing quilt of meaning and experience together in a wonderful way." --Jill McCorkle, author of *Life after Life* and *Going Away Shoes* "The struggle of the gay Christian's complicated effort to reconcile sexuality and faith is often overlooked by church leaders and more secular gays. But it is a complex, and deeply engaging journey. I was deeply moved by Sandra's book, engaged by her voice, her mind, her heart. I think many will find their very human story here in the hands of a wise and compelling woman." --George Hodgman, author of *Bettyville*

"Sandra Worsham is the Mary Karr of Milledgeville, Georgia. This time the Liars Club has extended its boundaries. The personal stakes break the reader's heart as the lies, judgements, and deprivations whirl between Sandra, her family, her friends, her community, and her church. Yet this page-turning memoir of her quest for wholeness isn't mired in despair. Despite the decades that she held her vile secret of homosexuality, she kept loving those who thwarted her coming of age. This page-turner oozes with Worsham's grace and grit." --Amy Lou Jenkins, author *Every Natural Fact: Five Seasons of Open-Air Parenting*

"A terrific book of straight talk about a woman discovering her lesbian identity and holding to her faithfulness in God, as she lives in a world that makes those identities difficult to combine. Worsham writes in a way that captures the reader from the beginning page. She inspires us with her unflinching look at the hard task of living the truth, and the courage she shows in the face of loss." --Elizabeth Cox, author of *A Question of Mercy* and *Night Talk*

"Sandra Worsham has written a candid and memorable narrative of her life in Flannery O'Connor's home town of Milledgeville, Georgia: coming out as a lesbian, converting to Catholicism, and finding a life partner. Her struggles with family, church, and self constitute a compelling story that will resonate with many readers, especially those confronting issues of sexual identity and faith." --Sarah Gordon, author of *Flannery O'Connor: The Obedient Imagination, A Literary Guide to Flannery O'Connor's Georgia, and Distances* "In *Going to Wings*, Sandra Worsham combines a southern raconteur's charm and candor with a social anthropologist's objective awareness to tell the story of a woman's second coming-of-age as a lesbian in a deeply conservative southern town. The result is a memoir both engaging and socially significant." --Peter Selgin, author of *Drowning Lessons*, winner of the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction, and *The Inventors*, a memoir.

"Sandra Worsham loves women and she loves Catholicism. The result of loving both is a dramatic struggle well worth following." --Bruce Gentry, Professor of English, Georgia College & State University, Editor of the Flannery O'Connor Review, and author of Flannery O'Connor's Religion of the Grotesque. ABOUT THE AUTHOR Sandra Worsham's stories have been published in Memphis Magazine, Carolina Quarterly, Western Humanities Review, Ascent, and Chattahoochee Review, among others. She won First in Fiction in the Red Hen Press competition, and her story "Pinnacle" was published in the 2008 Los Angeles Review. Two of her stories were Finalists at Glimmer Train. After she retired from teaching writing to high school students for thirty years, her book on teaching writing, Essential Ingredients: Recipes for Teaching Writing, was published by ASCD in 2001. She was Georgia's 1982 Teacher of the Year and a 1992 Milken Award Winner. In 2000, she was inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame. In June, 2006, she received her MFA in Fiction from Bennington College. She lives in Milledgeville, Georgia, with her spouse and their two dogs.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is a must read for anyone who questions or who takes issue with the stand taken by so many churches regarding LGBT individuals seeking acceptance and grace. If this issue has not felt personal for you, this book will change you. It is a wonderful read, real, heart-wrenching and heart-warming at the same time.

For those of us that have lived a life between our head and our heart, this author has captured the

heart wrenching feelings of guilt and the overwhelming joy of finally realizing that God loves you just the way He made you.

I was honored to read this book before it was published. I loved Sandra's personal style of expression and found the book captivating from cover to cover. Can't wait to get my autographed copy.

This book is masterfully written with Southern charm; yet, the author holds nothing back. She loves her family and friends, her hometown and talents, her God and her church, and she's gay. She tells of her life long struggle to bring the compartments of her life together so that she can feel whole, without sacrificing one love for another. A compelling, insightful story with both tender and defiant moments. A great read for anyone, but especially anyone who has ever struggled with coming to terms with sexuality and religion, or knows anyone who has.

I've known Sandra Worsham all of my life and had no idea how much pain and sorrow she endured; what a beautiful book and what a fabulous person and author she is! I could not put it down and I recommend it highly for anyone. Thank you, Sandra, for your insight and the beauty you have brought to this world. You are an inspiration to all of us.

I laughed and cried the whole way through!

Loved the writing style that kept me turning the pages. The honesty and openness touched my heart. A very good read - you will not be disappointed.

An honest, inspirational, and heartfelt new book from this loving, talented author.

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