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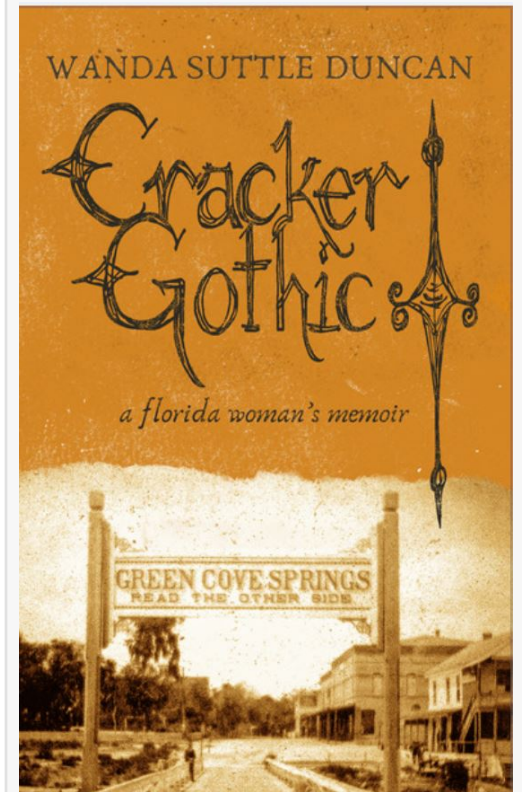
A new book, a personal memoir, a simultaneously heartbreaking and inspiring snapshot of the intoxicating Green Cove Springs vibe.

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Wanda Suttle Duncan is a seventh generation Florida Cracker. She left her small rural hometown behind when she moved out of state at age eighteen. Returning for visits to care for her aging mother, she sees the town with new eyes, a [place of Eden-like natural beauty](#), unchanged in the decades she has been away. She rediscovers a quiet, river-front town with brick streets, ancient live oaks, and decaying Victorian homes.

In the midst of caring for her mother, Wanda's husband commits suicide, and she seeks refuge by moving in with her mother and reestablishing her connection with the town. While dealing with personal grief and doing daily battle with her mother's dementia, a hidden magic emerges from the sand and moss and sulfur water: stories of snake skins and gravestones, sea monsters and psychics, hookahs, jacked-up pickup trucks and dead goats on ice.

Wanda's essays of her Cracker heritage and of rural Florida in the 21st century provide a glimpse of an old and authentic Florida that most tourists miss. She shares the challenges of living with and caring for her mother in stories that will resonate with others on this journey. And she speaks to how place can heal the heart.



by Wanda Suttle Duncan

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Wanda Duncan writes about the intersections between family and place with precision, wit, and loving detail ... she makes spending time in the Florida swamp an unexpected, lyrical pleasure.”

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This memoir is a work of creative nonfiction. While the stories in this book are true, some names and identifying details have been changed to protect the privacy of the people involved.

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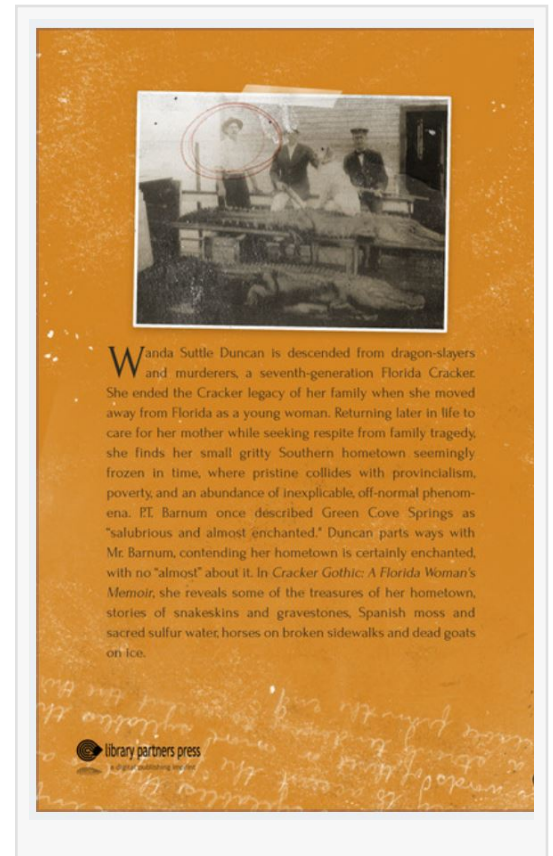
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Wanda Suttle Duncan is descended from dragon-slayers and murderers, a seventh-generation Florida Cracker. She ended the Cracker legacy of her family when she moved away from Florida as a young woman. Returning later in life to care for her mother while seeking respite from family tragedy, she finds her small gritty Southern hometown seemingly frozen in time, where pristine collides with provincialism, poverty, and an abundance of inexplicable, off-normal phenomena. P.T. Barnum once described Green Cove Springs as "salubrious and almost enchanted." Duncan parts ways with Mr. Barnum, contending her hometown is certainly enchanted, with no "almost" about it. In *Cracker Gothic: A Florida Woman's Memoir*, she reveals some of the treasures of her hometown, stories of snakeskins and gravestones, Spanish moss and sacred sulfur water, horses on broken sidewalks and dead goats on ice.

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