

## Gladys Hasty Carroll, 94, Maine Novelist

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Gladys Hasty Carroll, a novelist who wrote about the rural Maine of her childhood, died last Thursday at a hospital in York, Me. She was 94 and lived in South Berwick, Me.

Ms. Carroll earned a Pulitzer Prize nomination for her 1933 work, "As the Earth Turns," the story of a long-established farm family in southern Maine and the Polish immigrants who buy neighboring land. A best seller, the book was turned into a movie by Warner Brothers the following year. In 1935, Ms. Carroll adapted it into a folk play, which was performed annually in South Berwick for more than a decade. She wrote of the experience in "The Book That Came Alive," her last.

Born in Rochester, N.H., Ms. Carroll grew up in, and later returned to, the farmhouse her grandfather built during the Civil War in Dunnybrook, a hamlet on the outskirts of South Berwick. A day after graduating from Bates College, she married Herbert A. Carroll and started writing for children's magazines before quickly producing three novels, "As the Earth Turns," "A Few Foolish Ones" and "Neighbor to the Sky."

Ms. Carroll wrote a total of 23 other works, including "Dunnybrook," a social history of 10 generations of farmers in her community.

She is survived by a son, Warren, of Manassas, Va.; a daughter, Sarah Carroll Watson of South Berwick; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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