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Louise Dickinson Rich

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About this Person

Born: June 14, 1903 in Huntington, Massachusetts, United States

Died: April 09, 1991 in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, United States

Nationality: American

Occupation: Novelist

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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Family: Born June 14, 1903, in Huntington, MA; died of congestive heart failure, April 9, 1991, in Mattapoisett, MA; daughter of James Henry (a newspaper editor) and Florence Myrtie (Stewart) Dickinson; married Ralph Eugene Rich (a businessman), August 27, 1934 (died, 1945); children: Rufus, Dinah. Education: Massachusetts State Teachers' College, B.Sc., 1924.

CAREER:

Worked as a high school English teacher; writer.

WORKS:

WRITINGS BY THE AUTHOR:

- *We Took to the Woods*, Lippincott, 1942.
- *Happy the Land*, Lippincott, 1946.
- *Start of the Trail: The Story of a Young Maine Guide*, Lippincott, 1949.
- *My Neck of the Woods*, Lippincott, 1950.
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- *The Coast of Maine: An Informal History*, Crowell, 1956.
- *Mindy*, Lippincott, 1959.
- *The First Book of New World Explorers*, F. Watts (New York, NY), 1960.
- *The First Book of the Early Settlers*, F. Watts, 1960.
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- *The Natural World of Louise Dickinson Rich*, Dodd, 1962.
- *The First Book of China Clippers*, F. Watts, 1963.
- *State O'Maine*, Harper, 1964.
- *The First Book of the Fur Trade*, F. Watts, 1965.
- *The First Book of Lumbering*, F. Watts, 1967.
- *The Kennebec River*, Holt, 1967.
- *Star Island Boy*, F. Watts, 1968.
- *Three of a Kind*, F. Watts, 1970.
- *The Peninsula*, Chatham Press, 1971.
- *King Philip's War, 1675-76*, F. Watts, 1972.
- *Summer at High Kingdom*, F. Watts, 1975.

Sidelights

Author Louise Dickinson Rich's intense love of the outdoors was reflected in her 1943 best-selling book *We Took to the Woods*, a Thoreau-like account of her backwoods lifestyle in northwestern Maine. Rich and her husband Ralph lived in a camp on the Rapid River from their marriage until Ralph died in 1945. Rich then turned to supporting herself and her children through her writing. Besides the autobiographical *We Took to the Woods* and *My Neck of the Woods*, her works include the young adult novels *Trail to the North*, *Start of the Trail*, and *Summer at High Kingdom*, and many books of history for children.

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