

CONTENTS

NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER	iii
FOREWORD	v
INTRODUCTION TO THE ANNIVERSARY EDITION	vii
PART ONE. A BOUQUET OF ROSES	
The Beginning: Home and Family	3
Iron Mine School Days	16
More Childhood Memories	25
Scary Times	44
Make Me a Child Again	51
PART TWO. A NEW KIND OF LIFE	
The Nightmare Begins	69
The Train Ride to a New World	80
HOME!!	98
Queen of the Fairies	108
The Old and the New	123
Changes, Worries, and Adventures	136
Coming of Age	146
Boys and Other Trouble	157
More Changes and a Difficult Decision	173
Accepted at Last	189
Graduation	206
From Student to Teacher	231
Goodbye, School Days! Hello, World!	246
EPILOGUE	253