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All roads lead to home. It's easy to go through life believing that we can satisfy our longing for home with a three-bedroom, two-bath slice of the American dream that we mortgage at 4 percent and pay for over the course of thirty years. But ultimately, in our deepest places, we're really looking to belong and to be known. And what we sometimes miss in our search for the perfect spot to set up camp is that wherever we are on the long and winding road of life, God is at work in the journey, teaching us, shaping us, and refining us--sometimes through the most unlikely people and circumstances. In *Home Is Where My People Are*, Sophie Hudson takes readers on a delightfully quirky journey through the South, introducing them to an unforgettable cast of characters, places, and experiences. Along the way, she reflects on how God has used each of the stops along the road to impart timeless spiritual wisdom and truth. Nobody embodies the South like Sophie Hudson, and this nostalgic celebration of home is sure to make even those north of the Mason-Dixon line long to settle in on the front porch with a glass of sweet tea and reflect on all of the people in our lives who--related or not--have come to represent home. Because at the end of the day, it's not the address on the front door or even the name on the mailbox that says home, but the people who live and laugh and love there, wherever *there* might happen to be.

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### **Michelle says**

"Home Is Where My People Are" is, as author Sophie Hudson says, " real stories, about the real lives of real people." Some of the names have been changed to protect their identity.

The author reminds the reader of a time not too long ago when kids were free and there were very few "helicopter parents". Sophie also talks about dysfunction in families, showing the reader that all families are dysfunctional in some manner, even if very subtle.

Through this work, I was inspired in my walk with the Lord. So many times I have been drawn to the negative aspects of my own life, as well as those of others.

The author is light-hearted and encourages the reader to focus on Jesus. In referencing her own experience at a camp called "Camp Wesley Pines", Sophie heard the gospel message. "You are a sinner. God loves you anyway. God sent His Son, Jesus, to bear the weight of your sins and die in your place. Are you willing to lay down your life, take up your cross, and follow Him?" (pg 17)

Although I believe women of all ages would enjoy this book, I highly recommend it to older teenage girls and women in their early twenties.

Disclaimer: I received a complimentary copy of this book for review purposes from Tyndale House.

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### **Jennifer Pickwell says**

Home Is Where My People Are by Sophie Hudson totally surprised me in so many ways. Once again, I picked a book by its cover. Who does that? Well, I do. The cover is gorgeous and I want a giant canvas of it to hang in my kitchen. The surprise came when I discovered the book was in fact a memoir. I really thought this book was some Christian Living, appreciate what you have, make your home where you are kind of book. It is not! Home Is Where My People Are is a delightful story that will make you laugh, cry, and annoy your spouse as you read it aloud to him while he is watching a football game!

As author Sophie Hudson walks down memory lane, I found myself doing the same. Through her personal stories, I remembered some of my own. Especially, her stories of college friends turned life-long family. I love Sophie Hudson's honest and conversational style of penning words. I have never seen so many parenthesis in all my reading life! Here inner dialogue makes this book personal...and hilarious. I could relate to this book on so many levels! While I never wore sweater pants (see chapter 14) I did grow up in the south and these stories so closely mirror my own experiences. Even if you grew up in California, this story will touch your heart. Five stars from this book blogger!!

I was given a complimentary copy of this book by its publisher, Tyndale House, in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own and I have not been compensated other than the joy received from reading a lovely book.

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## **Erin Beene says**

Just eh, took me almost a year to finish. It's just basically her life with a small amount of humor and Christianity mixed in. The thing about her life is that it's not terribly interesting and nothing of real note to write about. Not that that is bad. It sort of reminded me of my life where you have average struggles and joys but overall just anormal Christina gal in her early adult life. It wasn't bad, just not too interesting. I skimmed some of it and still got the gist of it.

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## **Steph Cherry says**

I am a fan of Sophie. I like that she is talking about nothing and yet driving a point all the way home. I always appreciate the fact that she isn't trying to impress me with her great knowledge or holy wisdom. She just tells what God is teaching her with all the humility she can muster. I like it. Send me the straight shooters.

I read this book when it came out and I liked it, but for some reason I decided to buy the audio at the end of summer. I think I had just made one too many long trip with three kids and the thought of driving four hours home almost took me out. I wanted to listen to somebody talk to me, somebody that sounded like family. It worked. I think it was divinely inspired because my four hour trip turned into over six hours and I arrived home no worse for the wear. It was like riding around with an old friend.

I actually liked the book more the second time around. I think I needed to hear it more. I needed to be reminded of the importance of certain things. I was dog tired, worn bone thin, and hurting. So, I listened. I grieved. I went on. I loved hearing her inflections. It was soothing. Sometimes you want that person around you to remind you to love and be loved and the spot is empty. So, for this window, she was my person.

I loved following her moves and life changes and hurts. Her story of encountering the Holy Spirit at a Christian school she got a job at was fantastic. She said, "These people were serious." I laughed so much. She talks about raising her son, troubles in marriage, and finding her place in the world. It was good for my soul to stop and hear her story.

I listened to this in my suv, on my John Deere, and painting our three story house. We kept company and it was grand.

I loved it so much, Sophie. Thank you.

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## **Jill says**

I really enjoyed this book. I have been reading the Boomama blog for a while, and I love Sophie's writing style. This book is a little different than her previous book, A Little Salty to Cut the Sweet. Instead of charming stories about her extended family, this book covers her spiritual journey. I found it very sweet and touching and, sometimes, a little sad.

If you enjoy memoir or biography or just like good slice of life stories, I think you'll enjoy this book. I found Sophie's journey encouraging and entertaining. one minute you're laughing, the next, you're crying. I

definitely recommend this book.

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### **Mary Beth says**

Love, love, love this book. Like reading a slice of home.

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### **Mary Hill says**

Sweet, poignant read. I loved this book and read in one sitting.

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### **Courtney says**

I laughed until I cried during a few parts of this book. Such great stories about her life that are relatable.

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### **Michelle says**

I think this was a nice kind of "finding your way home" (home being with Jesus) kind of memoir. There wasn't really anything wrong with it. I probably wouldn't read it again. I hesitate to call it "cute" at the risk of sounding patronizing because it wasn't bad. I personally just have a hard time grasping some people's way of thinking because I'm still working around the whole "not everyone thinks like me" thing. I think it's ridiculous that Sophie fainted in a Walmart because she was trying to lose weight. I think it's ridiculous to be so concerned about what other people would think about my pale legs in white shorts. Then again, not everyone thinks like me so I guess that's what worked for her at the time. But I am not here to judge Sophie's interesting ideas from 20 years ago. I like the way she is very open and honest about her life and how she strayed somewhat off the path, but then made her way back to it in the end with the help of those around her. The title is completely dead on. Home doesn't have to be 1 place, or any place. People make a home.

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### **Jill says**

I won this book in a giveaway from TyndaleRewards and Allume but good heavens I would have bought it anyway.

I wasn't sure what to expect when I started reading it. Memoir? Faith-exploration? Metaphors for life?

It took a chapter or three to get going, but once there I wanted nothing to do than finish this book.

Here are a few stories of her journey in faith and life to finding her faith and herself. Which sounds much more serious than the book or the journey is. My favorite chapters included commentary on the questionable

fashion trends of the eighties and nineties and oh my WORD that chapter about her college cars!

I know. Those sentences are meaningless to you, but once you read this, you will understand and you will never approach a Taco Bell drive through the same way again.

I loved reading about how her faith changed as she grew, where she struggled, where she put up a front, when and where and how she found it again and it was NOT LIKE SHE EXPECTED. I think that journey crosses church membership boundaries - I am not Baptist or Methodist, I am a Mormon and guess what? It all made sense to me. We may have different ways of living or expressing our faith and vastly different theologies but we all love Jesus, a lot, we all want to know him and have him as a part of our lives. It was so good to laugh with her about religious vocabulary and the non-negotiable Sunday church attendance and how everyone worships a little differently.

I laughed out loud so many times, in public places and at home, just shaking with laughter. Thank you, Sophie Hudson for making this girl feel like people are people wherever you go and where you go is just the right road God knew you needed to find him and find home.

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### **Lindsey says**

Snatched this from the used book shelf at the library for \$1---on the week I was moving from my hometown. Coinky-dink? I think not. Spoke to me from start to finish. I laughed, I cried, I decided Sophie and I are destined to be best friends....I'm so glad God sent me this book at this moment in time. I needed it.

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### **Shelly says**

Enjoyed this one just as much as "A little Salty"! ROTFL!!

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### **Nicole says**

The old saying states that the American Dream is a two story house with a nice, flat yard and a white picket fence. But what truly makes a house a home? Is it the building or is it the people? Do you have different homes throughout life, or is it just one single place that your soul belongs? These are just a few of the things that Sophie Hudson explores in her latest memoir *Home is Where My People Are*.

Readers will take a road trip through the South and through life's ups and downs in this delightful read. Sophie Hudson embodies the Southern Woman and is absolutely hysterical, as she tells the stories of how she has lived in numerous states, before finally finding her home. She leaves nothing to the imagination, giving readers an inside scoop into her life growing up. Her sarcasm and humorous wit will have readers rolling with laughter. However, she keeps it very real, sharing some heartaches and reminding readers of her faith and that God has a reason for everything. Readers will become instant fans of Sophie Hudson's style, as they begin to reflect on their own life.

#### Notes:

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**Ann Gemmel says**

Loved this book! Sophie Hudson has an incredible voice that gets you laughing along with her, crying at other times, all the while nodding along. This is a delightful memoir of sorts! Am buying several of these to give to some of "my people". Highly recommend!

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**AnnMarie says**

I have to say there were some laugh out loud moments when I read this book!

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