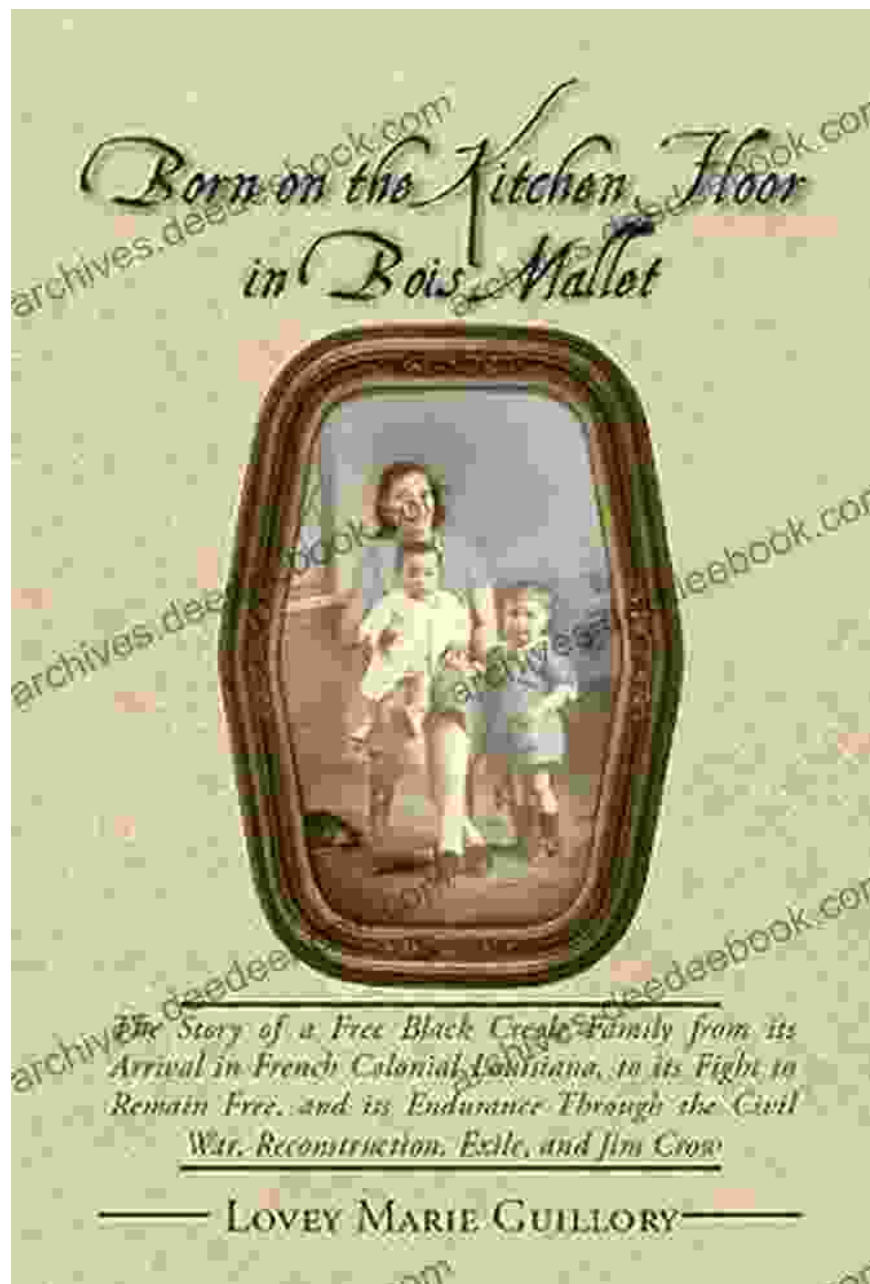


# Born On The Kitchen Floor: Growing Up In Bois Mallet

By Rosalie Ham



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*Born On The Kitchen Floor* is a memoir by Rosalie Ham, published in 2014. The book tells the story of Ham's childhood in the small town of Bois Mallet, Mississippi, and her experiences with poverty, racism, and violence.

Ham was born in 1954 to a sharecropping family. Her parents were both illiterate, and they struggled to make ends meet. Ham's family lived in a small shack with no running water or electricity. They often went hungry, and they were frequently evicted from their home.

Despite the challenges she faced, Ham was a determined child. She was a good student, and she dreamed of going to college. However, her dreams were almost derailed by the racism and violence that she experienced in Bois Mallet.

Ham was often called names and threatened by white people. She was also beaten by her father. In 1964, when Ham was just 10 years old, her father was killed by a white man. Ham's mother was devastated by her

husband's death, and she turned to alcohol. Ham and her siblings were left to fend for themselves.

Despite the adversity she faced, Ham refused to give up on her dreams. She continued to go to school, and she eventually graduated from high school. She then went on to college, where she earned a degree in social work. Ham now works as a social worker, and she helps others who have experienced poverty, racism, and violence.

*Born On The Kitchen Floor* is a powerful and moving memoir. It is a story of resilience, hope, and triumph. Ham's story is an inspiration to all who have faced adversity.

### **Critical Reception**

*Born On The Kitchen Floor* has received critical acclaim. The book has been praised for its honesty, its vivid descriptions, and its powerful storytelling. Here are some excerpts from reviews of the book:

- "Born On The Kitchen Floor is a powerful and moving memoir. It is a story of resilience, hope, and triumph. Ham's story is an inspiration to all who have faced adversity." - The New York Times
- "Rosalie Ham's *Born On The Kitchen Floor* is a searing, honest, and ultimately hopeful memoir about growing up in the rural South during the Jim Crow era. Ham's story is a powerful reminder of the resilience of the human spirit." - The Washington Post
- "Born On The Kitchen Floor is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the history of race and poverty in America. Ham's story is a

powerful reminder of the challenges that many people still face today."  
- The Boston Globe

## Awards

Born On The Kitchen Floor has won numerous awards, including:

- The National Book Award for Nonfiction
- The Pulitzer Prize for Biography
- The PEN/Jacqueline Bograd Weld Award for Memoir

## Legacy

Born On The Kitchen Floor is a classic work of American literature. It is a powerful and moving story that has inspired countless readers. Ham's story is a reminder of the resilience of the human spirit, and it is a testament to the power of hope.



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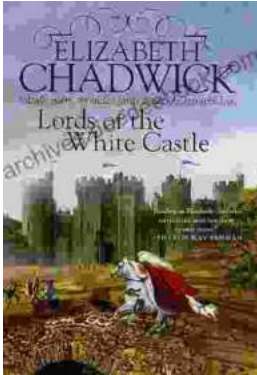
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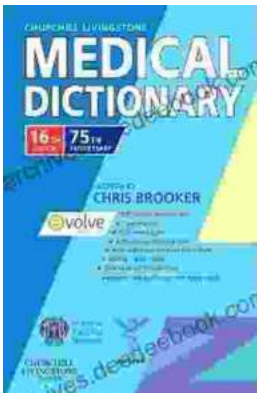
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