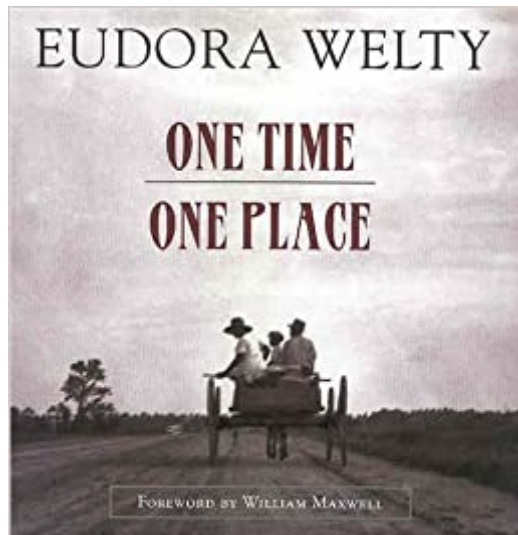




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Customer Reviews

An acclaimed southern author's soul-stirring photographic images of her homeland during the 1930s. Silver Anniversary Edition

Eudora Welty is among the very few authors who are acclaimed for their work in both literature and photography. It was twenty-five years ago that she surprised her readers with this important book, for in *One Time, One Place* many of them discerned for the first time that this revered writer was also a gifted photographer. Throughout her writing career Welty's camera was a close companion. The one hundred pictures included here are her selections from many she took during the Great Depression as she traveled in her home state of Mississippi. These pictures are poignant images of human endurance. For her, looking back in 1971, they showed a record of a time and a place, an impoverished world that against great odds sustained a sense of community. Both black and white, the men, women, and children she photographed, unaware that they are coping with dire conditions,

press onward with their lives. "The Depression, in fact", Welty says in her introduction, "was not a noticeable phenomenon in the poorest state in the Union". In the foreword to this Silver Anniversary Edition of *One Time, One Place* William Maxwell, Eudora Welty's dear friend and esteemed colleague in literature, offers an appreciation of this photographer's special genius and a loving glimpse into her artistic world.

Before Eudora Welty was a published writer, she was a semi-professional photographer. The "snapshots" (her term) in this book are eloquent images in themselves; Welty's accompanying essay, though brief, is excellent. Ordinarily this would be more than enough for me to recommend the book. But in this case, there's a much better collection of these photos for you to own. *Eudora Welty Photographs*, also published by University of Mississippi press, includes the hundred photos collected here plus about eighty others. Although it lacks Welty's introductory essay, it more than compensates with a tribute from Reynolds Price and an in-depth interview. The photo reproduction is superior as well. So skip *One Time, One Place* and buy *Eudora Welty Photographs* instead.

great photo journalism

Love this book wonderful Photos. Fast ship.

This is a great collection of short stories. My only criticism is the lack of a pause between stories.

I like this collection of Welty's photographs very much. But two pages were cut out of the book by some person. : (I feel certain that that person wanted the pages to frame, but it spoils the book. Welty's photographs capture a time in the South that is gone. Thank goodness, she used some of her time while with the WPA to take such photographs.

I bought it because of a post on Facebook that showed a picture from the book. I liked the picture, but I didn't like most of the other pictures.

What a delight! Eudora Welty not only had an ear for words but an eye for the camera lens. She was able to encapsulate a setting and the human condition perfectly in these truly gifted photos.

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