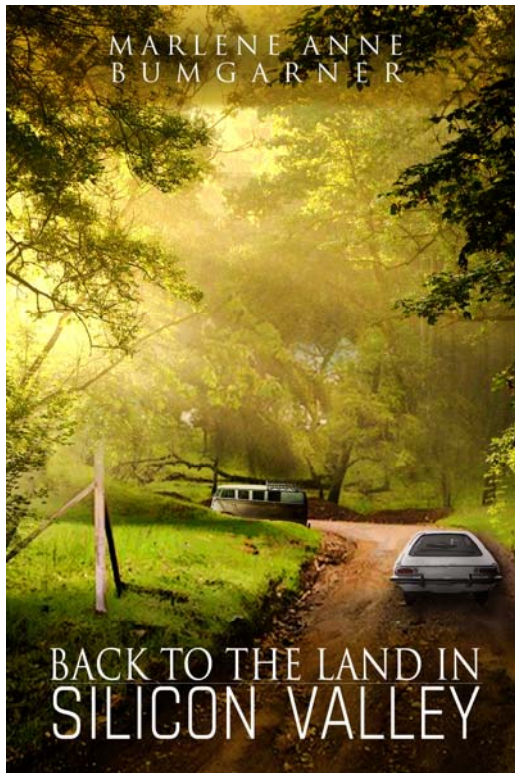


# BACK TO THE LAND IN SILICON VALLEY



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*"We all worked together. Ate together. Sang together. Learned together. We had a good life. After living close to the natural cycles of the earth year after year, good and not good, we grew stronger and more resilient, learned to manage our occasional conflicts with tolerance and love."*

When Marlene Bumgarner and her husband moved to a rural plot of land in 1973, she thought of herself as simply a young mother seeking an affordable and safe place in which to raise her child.

By the time she left the land nearly a decade later, she had written two books and a weekly newspaper column, served as contributing editor to a national magazine, and became a college instructor and sought-after public speaker. Her natural food store, The Morgan Hill Trading Post, was the first one in her community.

Follow Marlene and her friends as they live on the land, coping with the challenges of rural life as Silicon Valley evolves into the high-tech center it is today, and the world in which they live transforms itself culturally, economically, and politically.

## ADVANCE REVIEWS

*"This book is *Little House on the Prairie* for grown-ups, offering an adult perspective on the ever-complicated pursuit of the simple life as she exchanges the idealism of youth for the wisdom of experience earned through seasons of self-reliance spent on the land."*

Tara Besore, *Hammer & a Headband*

*"A powerful memoir of young lives bridging the quiet abundance of the Valley of Heart's Delight and the world-changing potential of the nascent Silicon Valley. This intimate story of a teacher, writer, entrepreneur, wife and loving mother finding her footing on a special piece of land and the resilience to navigate the seismic shifts of the time and her life make this a rewarding journey for a wide array of readers."*

Don Burgett, Co-Executive Director of Life Lab

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

After teaching at Gavilan Community College in Gilroy for 30 years, Marlene Anne Bumgarner moved to the California coast when her first grandchild was born. There she volunteers in the Young Writers program in local schools, leads writing workshops, and enjoys walking along the coast with her border collie, Kismet.

The author of *The Book of Whole Grains*, *Organic Cooking for (not-so-organic) Mothers*, and *Working with School Age Children*, Marlene is now writing a historical novel set in 19th century industrial England.



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