

# Day Break: A Novel by Mary Carolyn Waldrep

In the heart of the Great Depression, a young woman named Ellie Rose is struggling to make ends meet. Her husband has lost his job, and their family is facing eviction. Desperate for a way to save her home, Ellie takes a job as a maid in a wealthy household.

The house belongs to the Van Der Luydens, a prominent family who has fallen on hard times of their own. The patriarch, Mr. Van Der Luyden, is a gruff old man who is bitter about the loss of his fortune. His wife, Helen, is a kind and gentle woman who is trying to hold her family together.



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Ellie quickly becomes friends with Helen, and she soon learns that the Van Der Luydens are not as wealthy as they appear. They are struggling to pay their bills, and they are worried about losing their home. Ellie decides to help them, and she begins to secretly give them money from her own meager savings.

As Ellie and Helen's friendship grows, they begin to share their dreams and secrets. Ellie tells Helen about her hopes for a better future, and Helen tells Ellie about her fears for her family. Together, they find strength in each other, and they learn to hope again.

Day Break is a novel about the power of love, the resilience of the human spirit, and the hope that can be found even in the darkest of times. It is a story that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

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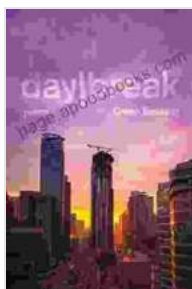
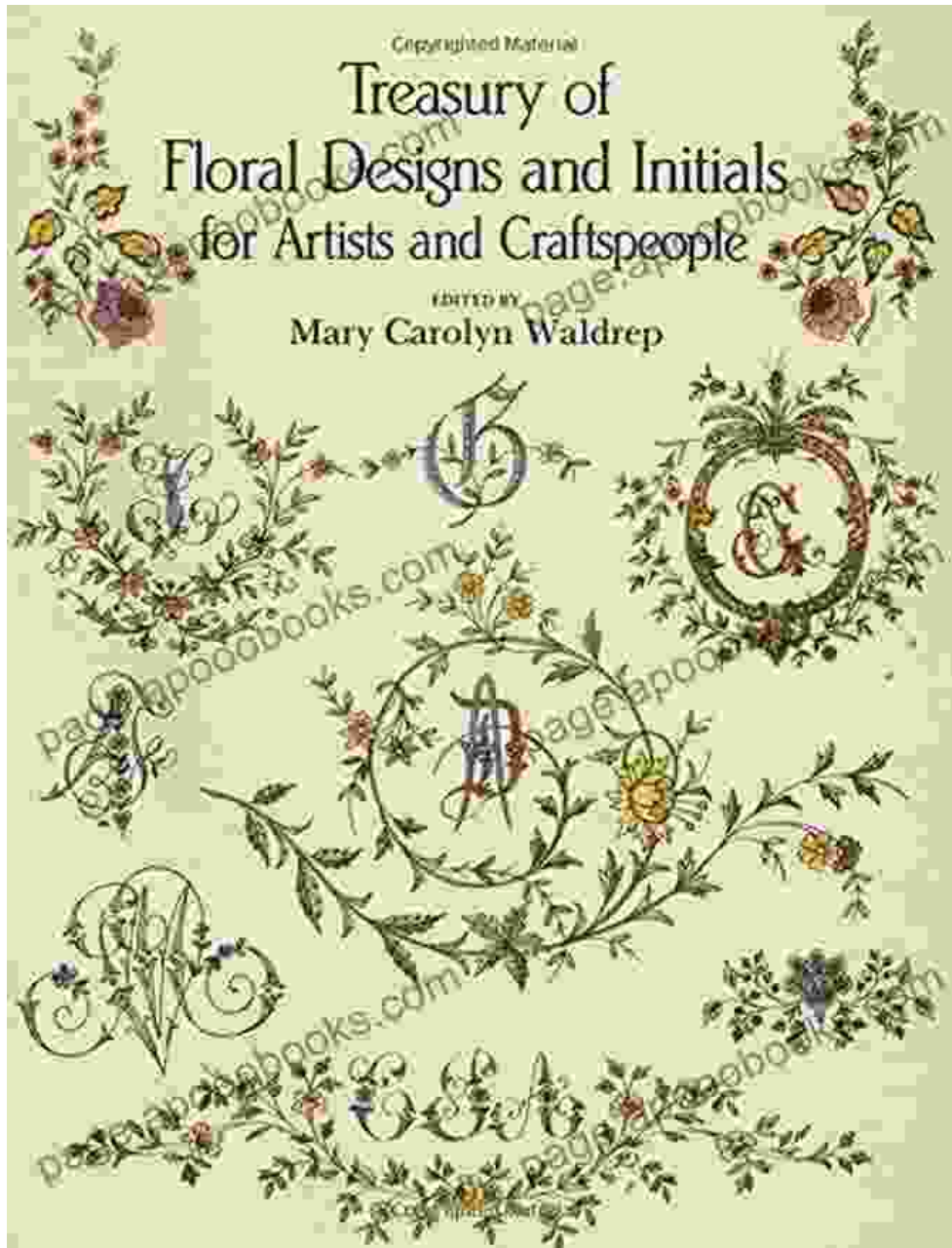
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## **About the Author**

Mary Carolyn Waldrep is the author of several novels, including *The Reproduction of Love* and *The Piano Teacher*. She has received numerous awards for her work, including the Lillian Smith Book Award and the Southern Book Critics Circle Award. Waldrep lives in Alabama with her husband and two children.

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