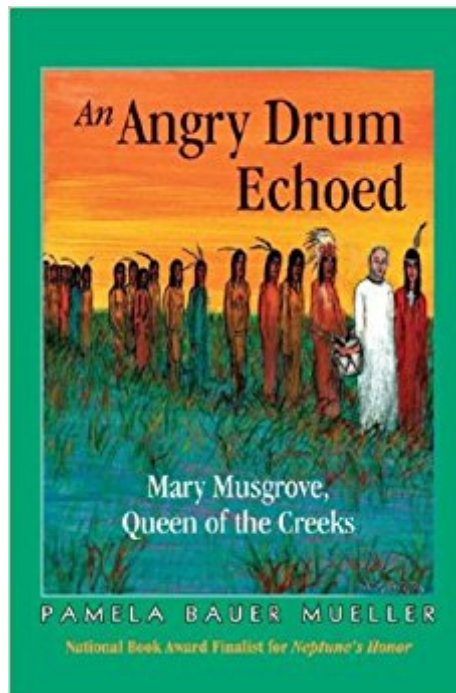




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An Angry Drum Echoed: Mary Musgrove, Queen Of The Creeks



Synopsis

As Pocahontas was to Jamestown and Sacajawea was to the Lewis and Clark expedition, so was Mary Musgrove to General James Oglethorpe and the burgeoning Georgia colony. Not much has been written about one of the leading characters in the founding of Georgia, but now Pamela Bauer Mueller, author of five books for young people, introduces *AN ANGRY DRUM ECHOED: Mary Musgrove, Queen of the Creeks*. This historical novel, due out in September, tells a fascinating story that's sure to capture readers' attention. Born "Coosaponakeesa" to a Creek mother and an English father about 1700, Mary Musgrove successfully lived in two very different worlds: the Indian and the English. Through her influence with the Indian tribes, Mary encouraged the chiefs to meet with Oglethorpe in Savannah, leading to the peaceful establishment of an English colony in Indian Territory. Although she won the esteem of the English settlers, she eventually became a thorn in the side of the newly formed colonial government. After ten years without pay for her diplomatic and interpretive services, she led her Creek tribesmen in a relentless march through the streets of Savannah to demand justice. Mary Musgrove triumphed over savage discrimination, unimaginable personal adversity and an unrequited love for the founder of Georgia. As General Oglethorpe's interpreter and emissary to the Indians, she smoothed the path to cooperation between the Creeks and the colonists, perhaps single-handedly insuring the survival of the colony of Georgia. Arguably the most important woman in the history of Georgia, Mary Musgrove guided the Creek nation through the treacherous waters of international intrigue during the dramatic conquest of a hemisphere. (Pamela Bauer Mueller)

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Readers may have little background knowledge of this woman and the times in which she lived, but the careful description of the Creek culture and the accounts of the difficulties of the early settlements provide a wealth of information about the life of a remarkable woman and the beginning of a new nation. Janis Flint-Ferguson, Assoc. Prof., English, Gordon College, Wenham, MA --KLIATT, January 1, 2007

Pamela Bauer Mueller has once again delivered a well-researched historical novel brimming with emotion. Reading An Angry Drum Echoed became more than a means to learn history; it is a way to actually experience it. --Jeff Hoffman, Golden Isles Weekend, Issue 392

Mary Musgrove's life was as dramatic and colorful as any fictional character, yet she was a real flesh-and-blood woman. I couldn't have invented for her a life this dynamic and unforeseen. Yet these qualities are only part of what makes her the most interesting and courageous woman in early Georgia history. Despite her important historical status and larger-than-life accomplishments, she remains virtually unknown to most Georgians outside a small group of scholars. Her life was filled with contradictions: born into a Creek society built on pagan customs, she later associated with British luminaries and Oxford graduates, including the famous Christian missionaries Charles and John Wesley. Mary Musgrove's story is scattered through voluminous letters, diaries and journals: official documents of the Colonial period. But very little is known about her childhood and parentage. Searching deeper for her story, I was pleasantly surprised to find pieces of her inside my own heart. Mary's story became so intriguing that I decided to write it in the first person. All the central

characters in this story are real; most events in the book are factual, including the births, deaths, battles and journeys. Most research information came from university dissertations, historical documents, and fellow authors who held Mary in high esteem and recognized her importance. Stepping out of the crowd gathered on Yamacraw Bluff to meet General Oglethorpe, she grasped her strange destiny's star. I felt privileged to ride with her as that star illuminated her two worlds, touching so many with its splendor. When the star exploded I crashed along with Mary, mourning her tremendous losses and grieving at the injustices she was forced to endure. Her story is a legend that has left a vivid imprint on colonial Georgia history. May you appreciate her as much as I do.

--This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

America may never fully comprehend the societies of Native Americans, their ways of life and societal structure. This story sheds light on the evolving saga of the American Indians, who are to this very day engaged in a struggle to preserve their ways even as they merge with the European way of life. Mary is married to a white man, but she is also Queen of the Creeks, and her tribe depends upon her for guidance in this chaotic time. Mary struggles to maintain their lands and their way of life as the settlers encroach, treaties are broken, and the Native Americans slowly find themselves losing their very identities. This was a good read.

It was a little hard getting into it. I enjoyed the story material even more so because I lived on Jekyll Island several years and the Musgrove family lived there. My favorite books have been written about the history of Georgia and Florida.

VERY good book, if you enjoy reading about the Indian way of life, in S.C. and Ge. you will enjoy this book, based on the 1700's. The writer makes you feel as if you are living her life, and maybe how this Indian girl maybe help make the USA what it is today.

Great story if you like novels based on history of southeast Georgia! All very interesting with great story! Highly recommend!

I highly recommend this book for all ages. The author has a unique gift for placing the reader in the actual setting as she describes the daily life of Mary Musgrove including the good times as well as the dark days. At times I felt I was actually eavesdropping on Mary's most private conversations and her struggles. Excellent book!

Written by Pamela Bauer Mueller (2006 Georgia Author of the Year Winner for YA/Children's books), *An Angry Drum Echoed: Mary Musgrove, Queen of the Creeks* is a historical fiction novel written from the first-person perspective of a real-life legendary figure - Mary Musgrove, daughter of a Creek mother and an English father, who successfully bridged the two worlds of Indian heritage and the English way of life. A lynchpin figure of the burgeoning Georgia colony during the 1700s, Mary Musgrove applied her influence with Indian tribes to encourage the chiefs to meet with General Oglethorpe in the Savannah, leading to the peaceful establishment of an English colony in Indian territory. Yet despite being held in high regard by English settlers as surely as Native Americans, she became an antagonist of the newly formed colonial government. After ten years of serving as an unpaid diplomat and interpreter, she led her Creek tribesmen in a march through the streets of Savannah in search of justice. A fascinating dramatization of a truly remarkable and strong-willed woman's life, recommended for readers of all ages.

After losing myself thoroughly in this exciting adventure into Georgia's past, my only disappointment is in having to return to reality. The story of Mary Musgrove is one of strength and faith as we follow her amazing life. From her early youth with her mother's people, to her successful attempt to learn of and live within her English father's world. All who read this will, I'm sure join me in thanking Pamela Baur Mueller for saving such an important piece of history that was nearly lost to us all

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