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SCHF welcomes CAROLYN J. BROWN for Lecture and Book Signing

Song of My Life

A Biography of Margaret Walker

By Carolyn J. Brown

ISBN 978-1-62846-147-3, hardback, \$20

(VICKSBURG, MS): The Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation (SCHF) is honored to host Dr. Carolyn Brown, as she discusses and signs her book, *Song of My Life*, A Biography of Margaret Walker. The first biography of the much admired author of the novel *Jubilee* and the poem “For My People”. The event will be held on **Tuesday, March 3rd at 6 pm** in the SCH Convent Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. Lorelei Books will be on site for book purchases.

Author Margaret Walker (1915–1998) has been described as “the most famous person nobody knows.” It is a shocking misperception of a woman who was an award-winning poet, novelist, essayist, educator, and activist as well as friend and mentor to many of our most prominent twentieth-century African American writers. *Song of My Life* (University Press of Mississippi) intends to reintroduce Margaret Walker to readers by telling her life story—a story that many can relate to as she overcame familiar obstacles related to race, gender, and poverty.

Song of My Life opens with her family and those who inspired her—her parents, her grandmother, her most important teachers and mentors—all significant influences on her reading and writing life. The chapters that follow trace her path over the course of the twentieth century as she travels to Chicago and becomes a member of the South Side Writers’ Group with Richard Wright, then to be accepted into the newly created Master’s of Fine Arts Program at the University of Iowa, and then back to the South as she pursues her dream of becoming a writer and college educator as well as wife and mother.

Song of My Life Is the first biography of Margaret Walker and includes many photographs and images of primary documents from the life of Margaret Walker.

CAROLYN J. BROWN is a writer, editor, and independent scholar. She is the author of *A Daring Life: A Biography of Eudora Welty* (University Press of Mississippi) and has taught at Elon University, the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, and Millsaps College.

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