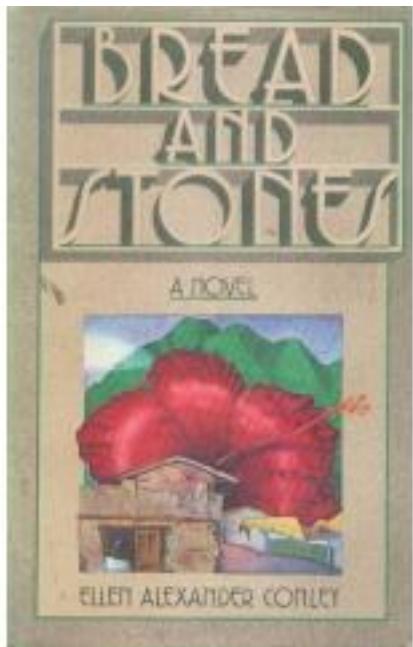


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Ellen Alexander Conley has transformed her own experiences in Haiti into a wry and moving tale set in South America. Liat Bloom, wife, mother, and physician, living in New York City, suddenly is struck by the lack of meaning in her life. Feeling the best

part of herself going to waste, she goes on strike, withdrawing from her family until she reaches a decision to go, for a few months, to her old Peace Corps station at Schweitzerville, a clinic in the high bush country of Colombia.

Liat finds a land where poverty, hunger, and revolution have hundreds of human faces, and she is driven to interrelate deeply with a complex array of characters. We meet the charismatic Dr. Marquis de Botero, her clinic supervisor and soon her lover, a man profoundly disturbed by the hunger and illness he sees daily. We follow mysterious Merta, nurse-midwife and teacher, as she makes her rounds on horseback among the mountain villages, teaching Liat revolution by quiet example. And we watch Buddy, Liat's husband, as his love and respect exceed the boundaries of a conventional marriage.

But at the heart of the story is the remarkable Liat, characterized by serious purpose, bottomless empathy, and an irrepressible sense of humor that enlivens every page. This is a novel of such beauty and power that the reader will be unable to forget its images and impact.

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