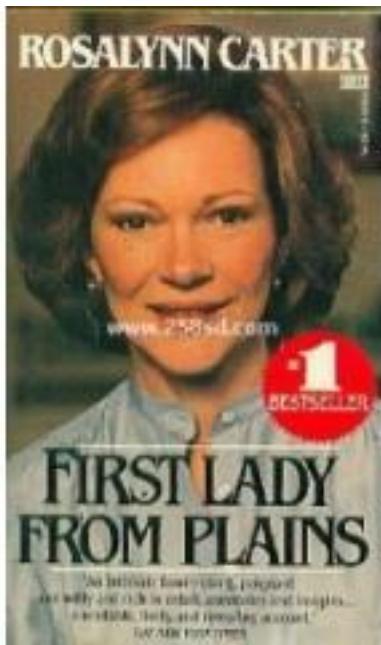


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The Early Years
Jimmy and I grew up three years and three miles apart— he on a farm in the "country" and I along with my two younger brothers— Jerry and Murray and my much younger sister— Allethea in a simple white frame house in the middle of Plains. The red clay soil is very fertile in southern Georgia and my mother grew it zinnias— petunias— hollyhocks— crepe myrtle— and what seemed like hundreds of other flowers in carefully tended beds on the street— side of our house; the back yard held Our vegetable garden and lots of trees— fig— pear— pecan and wild cherry— and pomegranate bushes and a scuppernong arbor. I remember very well that we had rosebushes too— because once I fell out of the sitting room window and landed in one of them. I still have the scar on my

>chin to remind me.
Our back yard seemed enormous. At its edge was a woodpile
for the cook stove and coal for burning in the fireplaces. There
was a smokehouse
a chicken house filled with chickens
~nd at
one time a rabbit pen
though we finally had to get rid of the
rabbits because they kept multiplying and we ran out of room for
them. We also had a barn for the milk cow and a few pigs
and
another barn for the mules my father used on our nearby farm.
Behind the barns was someone else's field. Every spring the rains
formed a pond in it
and we could hear the loud chirping of the
frogs from our porch at night.
Dust was a prominent part of our life. Billows of red dust
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