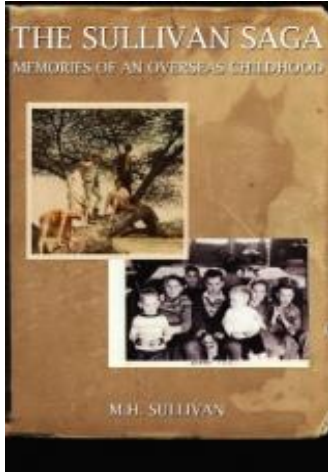

The Sullivan Saga: Memories of an Overseas Childhood

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About the Book

This is a collection of exotic, funny and bittersweet stories of an overseas childhood in Asia and Africa from 1957 to 1972 as told by the daughter of a State Department diplomat.

Discussion Guide

1. Large families --- the pros and the cons of living (and raising) a large family.
2. What are the similarities and differences between an American overseas lifestyle and a homegrown lifestyle?
3. Was the lifestyle Ms. Sullivan describes overseas more or less appealing after reading the memoir?
4. How does the death of her father affect the way you feel about the dangers and risks associated with living in third world countries?
5. One of the issues of living overseas is being able to balance the needs of the various family members --- the career opportunities for the parents (or lack of opportunities), the stability and safety of the family, the importance of community.
6. What is 'rootedness'? How is a child given roots? Can a child with a mobile childhood be raised 'with roots'? How? Or, why not?
7. What are the advantages and disadvantages of a mobile lifestyle?

8. The structure of the memoir was by movement from country to country and from year to year. How else could it have been structured?

Author Bio

Maureen Hope Sullivan was born in Washington, D.C. and spent most of the next 20 years living overseas. As the daughter of a U.S. State Department diplomat, she and her family lived in Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, Thailand and Ethiopia, before she returned to the USA to attend college. She graduated from Boston University and later received an MBA from Simmons College Graduate School of Management.

She has written travel articles, poetry and fiction, and was the publisher of the Southern NH Children's Directory and related publications from 1994 to 1999. In addition to **The Sullivan Saga: Memories of an Overseas Childhood**, she is the author of **Trail Magic: Lost in Crawford Notch**, the Gold Medal winner of the Mom's Choice Award for 2010. It is the story of teenager Angie Jackson, whose family runs a campground in rugged Crawford Notch in New Hampshire's White Mountains, who lost 4-year-old Melanie while babysitting her and now must find her in the surrounding wilderness.

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