

About the Author



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(1943-)

Born in Texas in 1943, Linda Hasselstrom moved to South Dakota with her mother at age six. With time out for college and other experiences, she has lived there ever since. Her mother's marriage to John Hasselstrom and their moving out to his ranch near Hermosa when she was nine gave her her last name and, in time, the move made her into a ranch woman whose writings are closely linked to place and to the community gathered around the ranch. Graduating from the University of South Dakota with bachelor's degrees in English and Journalism, she obtained a master's degree in American Literature from the University of Missouri and planned to go on to obtain a Ph.D. before she returned to her beloved South Dakota. Although she did some college teaching for a time, she discovered a way to make a living at ranching and writing, and most of her published works derived directly from her experience living on the land. Her books include *Windbreak: A Woman Rancher on the Northern Plains* (1987), *Land Circle* (1991), *Dakota Poems* (1993), *Roadside History of South Dakota* (1994), *Feels Like Far* (1999), *Bitter Creek Junction* (2000), *Between Sky and Grass: Where Live and Work* (2002), and *No Place Like Home: Notes from a Western Life* (2009). She has also edited three volumes of writings by rural women.

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