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INTO THE WILDERNESS, a novel
by Deborah Lee Luskin

“A fiercely intelligent love story.” – The Rutland Herald

“Music is central to the novel . . . Luskin is convincing in translating the aural, physical and emotional power of music into words on the paper. The result is a wonderful novel.” – The Addison Independent.

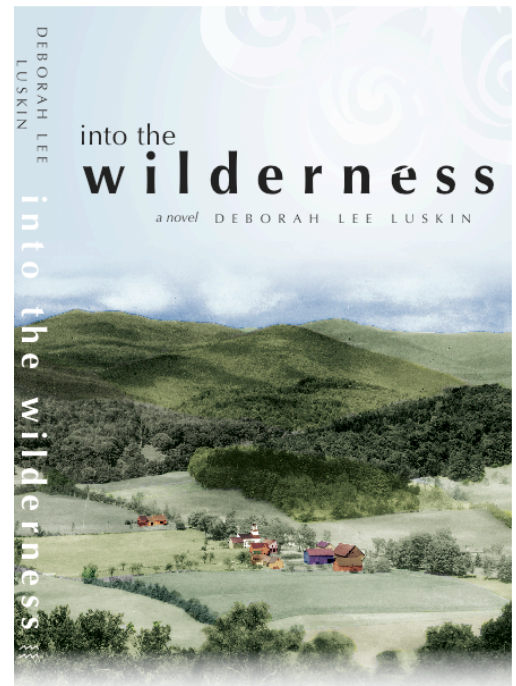
Times of transition -- personal, political and in a particular place -- are the tectonic plates whose tremors shake loose the story at the heart of Deborah Lee Luskin's tender and touching first published novel Into the Wilderness

– The Brattleboro Reformer

“Luskin's heroine Rose Mayer is an honest to God miracle.”

– Philip Baruth, author of *The Brothers Boswell*

Into the Wilderness is a perfectly gratifying read. – Seven Days



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In 1964, Rose Mayer buries her second husband and wonders what she's going to do with the rest of her life. Reluctantly, she visits her son at his summer place in Vermont, where there are neither sidewalks, Democrats nor other Jews. There is, however, the Marlboro Music Festival. It's there that she meets Percy Mendell, a born and bred Vermonter who has never married, never voted for a Democrat, and never left the state.

Percy is facing retirement after a long and satisfying career as the local extension agent. He's also struggling with his long-held political beliefs: Barry Goldwater, the GOP presidential nominee, is too extreme even for the party faithful, and in the November election, Vermonters vote for LBJ.

Author Deborah Lee Luskin tells this tender romance between these appealing 64-year olds with humor, wit, and compassion. Set against the backdrop of Vermont's changing seasons, *Into The Wilderness* is both a love story and a testament to the endurance of the human heart.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Deborah Lee Luskin is a regular commentator for Vermont Public Radio and has been writing about life in the Green Mountain State since relocating from New York City in 1984. Luskin holds a PhD in English Literature from Columbia University and has taught literature and writing to diverse learners, from Ivy League undergraduates to prison inmates. She is a Visiting Scholar for the Vermont Humanities Council, a freelance journalist, and a skilled technical writer. *Into The Wilderness* is her first published novel. Luskin is a dynamic public speaker. Learn more at www.deborahleeluskin.com