

Wreath from the Woods of Carolina ^[1]

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^[2]Painter, musician, sculptor, and writer [Mary Ann Bryan Mason](#) ^[3] (1802-81) was the first woman in North Carolina known to have written and illustrated a children's book, titled *A Wreath from the Woods of Carolina* ^[4] (1859). Nine colored lithographs of native [wildflowers](#) ^[5] distinguish the volume from the children's literature of the late [antebellum](#) ^[6] period, and the first ten chapters begin with a Bible verse. The book's ten stories attempt to teach piety and morals to children through relatively heavy-handed didacticism. The book was published in New York by the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union and Church Book Society.

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