



“My grandma would be proud to know that her story is living on.”

MINNESOTAN ANN ZEMKE

has stitched more than 150 quilts, but this one changed her life. It tells the story of her grandmother, who at age 8 was sent away on an orphan train and essentially became another family's indentured servant. After presenting the quilt to her mother on her 75th birthday, Ann decided to delve even deeper into her grandmother's life by writing a book: *They Named Me Marjorie*. “I never thought I could write a book,” says Ann. “Like quilt-making, I broke the story into blocks and then pieced them together.” Today Ann finds herself much in demand as a speaker and has inspired many other women to write their memoirs or make biographical quilts. Although she's told the story of her grandmother hundreds of times, she never tires of it. Or the urgent plea that she makes at the end of every presentation: “Share your story!” —MIKE BUTLER

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