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My Name Is Lola (The West)



Synopsis

My Name Is Lola, contains the collected memories of Lola Rozsa - of her life and service to her family, her church, and her community as she and her husband, Ted, made their way from the tiny towns of the Depression-era, dust bowl southern plains to the burgeoning oil fields of Alberta in 1949. As Ted struggled to build his first seismic company, Lola raised their children in Calgary, an environment far different from the home in Texas she desperately missed. However, the values taught her by her preacher father stood her in good stead as she immersed herself in service for her new community. For the next sixty years, as Ted prospered, they made Calgary their home and, along with other industry pioneers, helped to build many of the enduring cultural institutions in Calgary.

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Lola Rozsa (1920-2012) was one of the founding members and later president, of the Calgary Philharmonic Society Women's League. In later years, she and her husband, Ted, turned their focus to philanthropic contributions to the CPO as well as many other arts organizations. She was named a Woman of Distinction in 2001, and received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Calgary in 2002. Susie Sparks has been actively engaged in building leadership capacity throughout Calgary's voluntary sector in organizations like Leadership Calgary and the Famous 5 Foundation where she previously served as Executive Director. She is also an author and journalist.

This was last year's Christmas gift and the recipient was THRILLED, especially because she personally knew the author. Thanks again for excellent service.

An excellent depiction of a life richly lived. "My Name is Lola" tells not only the story of her life but also of the multi-facted world in which she lived. -- from depression era Texas to the sophistication of Southern Alberta today. It is especially effective in describing the ex-pat community created by the Canadian oil boom in 1949. A melding of those Americans and their welcoming Canadian hosts became very beneficial to them both. The focus on Lola's husband and self made man, Ted Rosza, and his interest and impressive involvement in the Calgary arts community is especially rewarding. This well-written book should be read by not only contemporay American and Canadian history buffs, but also by those who may be interested in what well thought out philanthropy can achieve. Kudos to Susie Sparks and most definately to Lola!

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