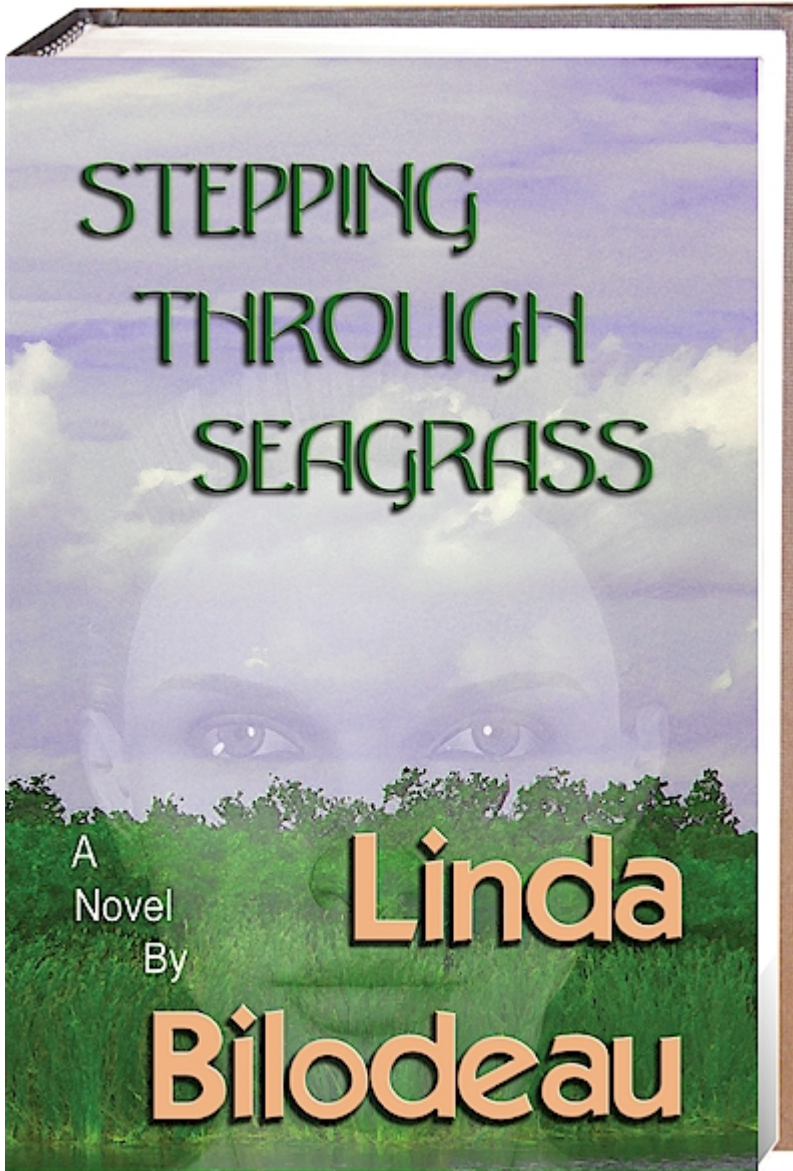


STEPPING THROUGH SEAGRASS

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A bout with alcoholism has just cost Dr. Kate Anderson her medical practice, her comfortable lifestyle, and her confidence. After a year in recovery she accepts a job for the Public Health Service in rural Immokalee, Florida as the only physician to Seminole Indians, migrant farm workers, and drug addicts.

Haunted by dreams of a long repressed childhood incident, coupled with the raw pain of the loss that sent her spiraling out of control, it would be easy to curl up into the bottom of a vodka bottle and drown. The temptation is always there.

But her patients need her, depend on her. And being a doctor is more than just a job, it is her life's calling.

As Kate fights her demons, both old and new, she knows failure will cost her everything. Like stepping through seagrass in the Everglades, one misstep will send her sinking into the ooze.

There won't be a second chance.

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Linda Bilodeau uses her former careers in hospital administration and teaching as background for her novels. She has published a variety of nonfiction articles. The idea for ***Stepping Through Seagrass***, the author's second novel, came from a love of Florida's tropical environment and the trials and tribulations of dealing with two alcoholic sisters. Recently, Linda received an honorable mention in the Writer's Digest Annual Writing Competition for a short story titled, Impossible based on how she met her husband. It was one of 18,000 entries. When not writing, Linda loves to visit with her daughter and son, enjoys cooking gourmet meals, and improving her knowledge of wine.

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