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## Once Upon a Time a Sparrow (Paperback)

By Mary Avery Kabrich

Open Wings Press, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Once Upon a Time a Sparrow is an autobiographically inspired novel about a woman's journey toward accepting a less than perfect past. Structurally the story is told through the narrative voices of forty-seven-year-old Mary Madelyn Meyers (spring of 05) and nine-year-old Maddie (spring of 67). Though thirty-eight years separate these two points in time, a child's old coat with an acorn in the pocket reunites Mary with the long-forgotten Maddie. Mary's mother has died unexpectedly. When Mary opens the Lane hope chest at the foot of her mother's bed, she makes a surprising discovery: her mother kept the black hooded coat she herself had worn every day in third grade, regardless of the weather. This reunion sets in motion a stream of memories that demand Mary's attention. When she returns to her job as a school psychologist, Mary can no longer maintain her usual dispassionate manner while addressing the needs of children with learning challenges. Rural Minnesota in 1967 had no understanding of dyslexia, a disorder that makes reading an unfathomable skill for nine-year-old Maddie. After praying...



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