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Notes from a Naturalized Southerner

by Martin C. Lehfelddt

More than five decades ago, Northeast native Martin Lehfelddt was so captivated by the South that he made it his home. Reflecting on his experiences in the aptly titled *You're Not from Around Here, Are You?*, Lehfelddt has assembled a uniquely diverse collection of impressions that embrace an overview of the region's historically Black colleges and universities, the unequaled pleasure of sipping a Bloody Mary on a rainy Saturday morning in New Orleans, the joys of 1960s-era first-class air travel, the discovery of a coonhound cemetery, a revelatory visit to Key West, throwing a good party, brushes with celebrity, and plenty more. Open Lehfelddt's witty collection of sketches at virtually any page and find a story that lyrically captures a moment, a feeling, and possibly a piece of your heart.



About the Author

Martin Lehfelddt was born in New York City, raised in Camden, New Jersey, and attended Quaker institutions from Moorestown Friends School through Haverford College. Strongly encouraged to follow his grandfather and father into the Lutheran ministry despite a desire to become a journalist, he earned a Master of Divinity at Union Theological Seminary in New York—but then “self-defrocked” in the mid-1960s. The opportunity to direct a program that recruited and placed outstanding young faculty members at historically Black colleges throughout the South gave him a unique perspective on that region, and lured him to Atlanta. What was intended to be a brief sojourn blossomed into a career as a college development officer, a fund-raising consultant, and President of the Southeastern Council of Foundations.

During five decades as a “naturalized” Southerner traveling widely in the region, he has become known as a speaker and author whose books include *The Sacred Call*, *Notes from a Non-Profitable Life*, and (with Jamil Zainaldin) *The Liberating Promise of Philanthropy*.

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