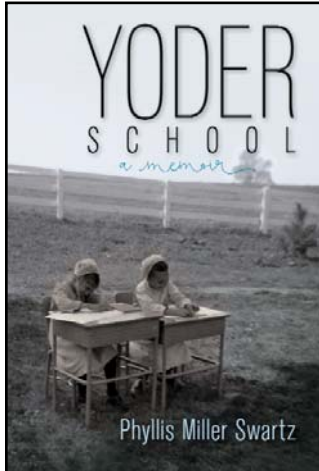


 YODER SCHOOL

A memoir by **Phyllis Miller Swartz**
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Summary: When a young Mennonite girl is uprooted from her cloistered community, she pines to go back to Yoder School where learning was full of wonder and where she decided to be a teacher. Here is a story of leaving a childhood of innocence to go out into the world—and to learn in new ways from different people in places that don't feel like home.

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Market: Miller's memoir should appeal to anyone drawn to a story of forging identity within and across multiple Mennonite and larger worlds

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The Author

Enchanted by first grade at Yoder School, Phyllis Miller Swartz, London, Ohio, decided to become a teacher. But after she and family moved, she wondered how to learn to be a good teacher when she didn't have one. Still she pursued her goal. After graduating from Antioch College, she taught school for over 30 years, from HeadStart to middle school, high school, college, and more, trying to bring the wonder of Yoder School to her students. Swartz leads Columbus Museum of Art tours, teaches part-time at Rosedale Bible College, conducts seminars, and blogs on teaching at "Apple to Apple."

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