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***Iowa author releases debut novel, historical fiction set in early 20th century Iowa  
- Carol Bodensteiner's 'Go Away Home' captures a young woman's quest to decide her  
own future -***

DES MOINES, IOWA -- Marriage or teaching. That's what Liddie Treadway's parents and rural society saw in her future in pre-World War I Iowa. But suffragette rhetoric and her maiden aunt encouraged her to want more. Iowa author Carol Bodensteiner's debut novel, *GO AWAY HOME* is a coming of age novel that explores the enduring themes of family, friendship, and love, as well as death and grief.

"The book offers a glimpse into another era when women were stretching to follow their own dreams and decide their own futures," says Bodensteiner. "Women – particularly rural women – often had few options open to them. Though the young woman in this book gets to pursue her dream, she quickly faces the challenges most of us do when confronted with the conflict between dreams and reality, when we learn that getting what we want can be a two-edged sword."

Available as a paperback and ebook in bookstores and through Amazon, *GO AWAY HOME* is the timeless story of the fragility of what seems secure and stable and the discovery of what a woman's heart truly wants.

"Go Away Home is a heart-warming and heart-wrenching tale ... a story that promises to fulfill what it is to be alive when one chooses the life one wants to live, despite the consequences," says Paulette Mahurin, author of *The Persecution of Mildred Dunlap*.

**GO AWAY HOME**

By Carol Bodensteiner

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**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Carol Bodensteiner grew up in Jackson County, Iowa, and she continues to draw writing inspiration from the people, places, culture and history of the Midwest. She is the author of a successful memoir *Growing Up Country: Memories of an Iowa Farm Girl*. Her essays have been published in several anthologies. *Go Away Home* is her first novel.

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