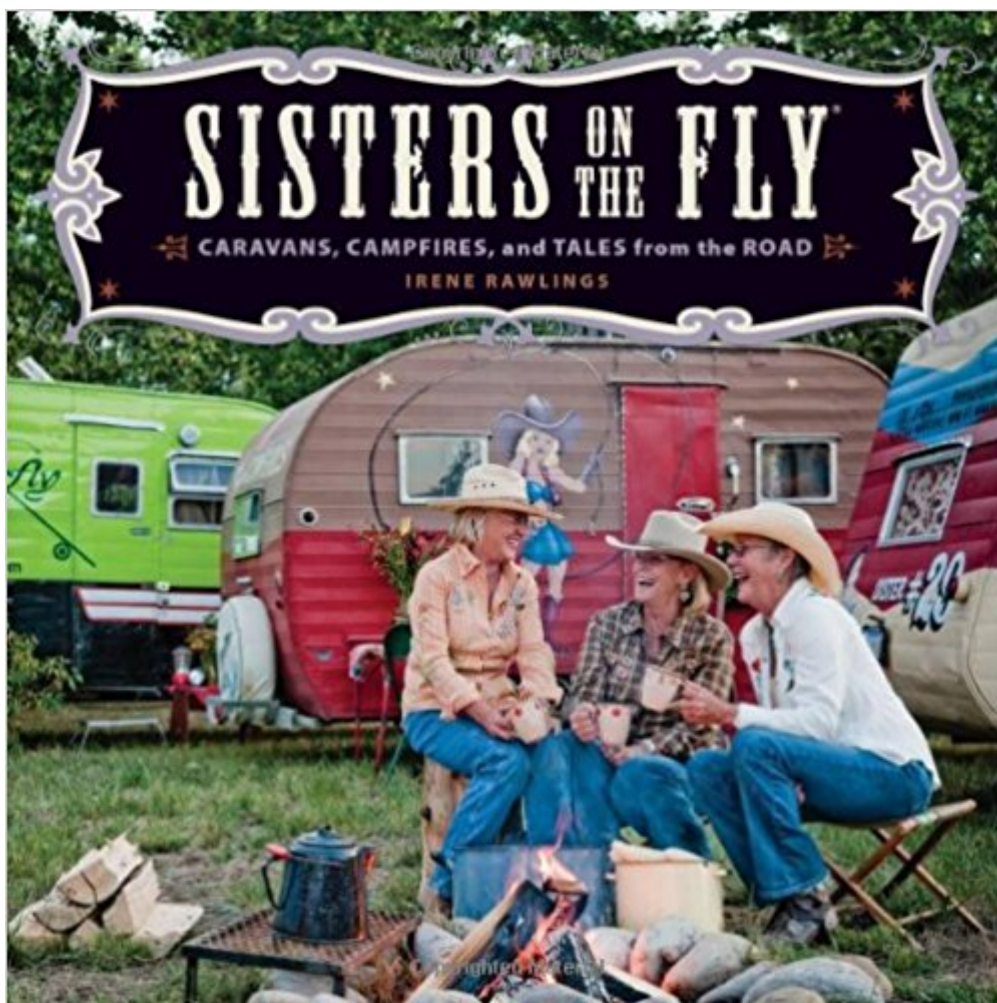


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# Sisters On The Fly: Caravans, Campfires, And Tales From The Road



## Synopsis

Meet the 1,000+ members of Sisters on the Fly, a group of women who buy, restore, and decorate vintage trailers, then travel around the country fishing, playing cards, cooking good food outdoors, drinking wine, and telling tall tales around the campfire. Part decorating book, part travelogue, camping guide, cookbook, fly fishing manual, and part memoir, the book contains practical information about reclaiming trailers as well as wonderful lifestyle anecdotes about the Sisters' road trips. The Sisters on the Fly know they're having more fun than anyone! Now you're invited to join them on their cross-country road trips as author Irene Rawlings takes you inside the Sisters' decorated vintage trailers. Each trailer reflects its owner's personality, and the Sisters share their individual stories behind their loving restorations--and a few of the wilder outdoor adventures they've experienced along the way. The Sisters also share tips for buying and restoring vintage trailers because they know that once you see all the fun they're having fly-fishing, riding horses, camping, eating, laughing, and loving, you just might want to join their cowgirl caravan when it heads out for the next adventure. Sisters on the Fly will inspire readers with charming and witty anecdotes from the Sisters as they experience the open road and some of the most beautiful places in the country. It is organized around fishing, food, friendship, love, and loss. And, of course, around beautiful vintage trailers that have been lovingly transformed from "trashed to treasured." The book features dozens of engaging stories about the incredible women who buy and restore these trailers, as well as sidebars loaded with both practical and whimsical information for anyone who is ready to find her own trailer and join the caravan.

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## Customer Reviews

Author, editor, curator, and art reviewer, Irene Rawlings hosts an award-winning radio show syndicated throughout the Rocky Mountain West. She is also the author of *Portable Houses*, *The Clothesline*, and *Sisters on the Fly*.

A few years ago, when I was watching a television program about a bunch of women who camped in funky trailers together, little did I know that one day I'd be one of them. Words alone are not enough to describe what this group has done for me. Apparently tho, not to worry. Irene Rawlings has done it for me. Through beautiful photographs and personal accounts, as well as useful tips and fabulous recipes, Rawlings has successfully captured what the Sisters on the Fly are all about. While our life as wives, mothers, partners and employees keep us busy, it is not all that we are. This group enables us to decompress and share with each other, who we are at our core. Women from all over the country (and a few outside) gather together and enjoy their differences as well as similarities. We don't all fish or have trailers, and there are some who will admit that the closest they get to camping is tardy room service, but make no mistake. This is a group of women who love the outdoors, laughing and learning. This book gives a glimpse into how we started, and what keeps us growing. The photography is extraordinary, and the writing inviting. Irene herself is a fellow Sister! I would recommend this book to any woman who has wondered if 'that's all there is' to life. There's more out there, I promise you. This book will bring smiles, make you nostalgic, and perhaps encourage you to think outside your comfort zone. Join a woman's group. Check out Sisters on the Fly.

This book is delightful. It's filled with stories about camping, fishing, restoring old campers, recipes, etc. But all the stories tell about amazing women who lead ordinary lives and come together when they can to have fun. Who doesn't want to do that? Be warned - most of the recipes involve charcoal and a cast iron dutch oven. But all could easily be converted to a real oven. My husband and I, who have never been camping in our 50+ years, decided to purchase a travel trailer/camper this year and try it. We have both enjoyed reading the advice in this book, looking at the photos for camper decor ideas, and learning there are ladies who look forward to "roughing it" (which we do not plan to do, but it's fun to read about). The book's advice about feather beds and quality linens is spot on. I hesitated on this book purchase because another reviewer stated there were not many interior photos. In my opinion, there are a lot of photos, both interior and exterior of all the cute darling little campers. If you love campers or camping, you should buy this book. It would make a

great gift too. We plan to keep it in our camper and share with others while camping.

This was a fun read, an introduction, really, to this group of ladies who buy vintage trailers, fix them up and hit the road. I didn't know they existed until I read this book. There are different chapters about different things. Beginning is about getting a trailer and some do's and don't's. There's chapters about fishing, since it started as a fly fishing group originally. Chapter with recipes, which I skipped. Unless you are already cooking outdoors, I didn't see a point in that. Chapter about antiquing and crafts. It made me dream a little--would I want to do this? At first I thought maybe yes, but I would have to buy a newer trailer. Wouldn't feel safe with something 50 or 60 years old. Not quite sure why everyone had numbers-- a way to keep track of sisters??? They didn't really say but reading those numbers constantly was a bit annoying and I didn't see the point of putting that in the book. I had the kindle edition and the photos were very small, even after you zoomed most of them. Near the end, the photos didn't match up with the paragraphs and also many of the paragraphs were repeated. Not sure if this was intended or an error of the kindle format. Overall, I did enjoy the book and may look into it a little further, mostly just arm chair dreaming.....it's a good place to start if you are inclined to something like this.

If you read this and aren't ready to go forward, you'll just be morose over all the fun you are missing. Bought this for my dear friend who already has a darling little 'tinned can ham' vintage camper. Not only did she enjoy it, but after I sat up reading it one night, I wanted my very own camper! The next week, after a ton of work on the Internet, I became the proud owner of a vintage camper that had just been completely redone - except for the decor which the part I want to do anyhow! It is perfect. Sleeps four and has a bathroom! Hurrah!!!!!! Now, on to my first glamping trip and time spent with wonderful women that I don't even know yet!

Although camping has been wonderful in meeting , enjoying the people and places across the world, the book has an "over the top" feeling that congratulates itself on detailed restoration/support/confidence in the group dynamics history. This is both its appeal and its caution....so the experience for me would not be my choice as I enjoy my "personal" exploration of the setting and myself. Perhaps there is a very good appeal for the fragile explorer/searcher and I encourage the SISTERS on the FLY to continue....please let there be a calendar of where the group expects to go so that I can avoid fulfilling that group plan.

I read the various reviews on this type of book and thought I was getting a winner. the book has a lot of recipes, which I didn't expect. As for fixing a vintage camper, I guess if you have a lot of money to spend you might get some glints of information from the book. The stories are entertaining. The campers are wonderful to look at. I will likely read it and pass it on to a book sale.

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