

Finding Home: A Memoir

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Biography: After a life spent in national and international teaching, church planting, administration, writing, and accompaniment, Jewel Showalter lives in the small country town of Rosedale, Ohio. She loves sharing life and telling stories with the Rosedale Bible College community, her home church, Forty One (formerly Mechanicsburg Christian Fellowship) and her energetic family of three married children and 14 grandchildren.

Endorsements: As president of Rosedale Bible College, I recognize our students' hunger for security, rootedness, and belonging. Jewel Showalter's Finding Home is the story they need. Unpretentious and sincere, the book reveals God's work in a lifetime of cross-cultural endeavors, showing a new generation that home is not a place, but rootedness in God.

—Jeremy Miller, President, Rosedale Bible College

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—Phyllis Swartz, author of Yoder School, teacher for 35 years, educational consultant, blogger at Apple to Apple

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