

*In the Arms of the River*

Louise Redford, a nurse involved with the KUMC exchange program between the nursing school and hospitals in Kyrgyzstan, wrote a memoir of Mennonites growing up in Ukraine. In the preface she mentions that “The end of our life in Russia came during the Second World War, when the Mennonites who lived west of the Dnieper River were evacuated by the Germans, and those east of the Dnieper were exiled to Siberia and central Asia by the Soviets.” Her book covers that time period and is a self-described collection of vignettes. She mentions that “someone needs to tell these stories, and I am the last who knows them”. *In the Arms of the River* was published in 2012, and Mrs. Redford died in 2014.



Front cover of *In the Arms of the River* by Louise Redford