

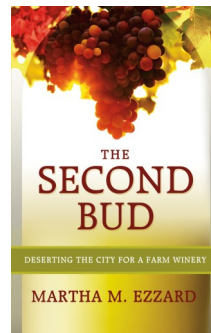
# Georgia Author OF THE YEAR AWARDS



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## MARTHA M. EZZARD ANNOUNCED AS WINNER OF THE GEORGIA AUTHOR OF THE YEAR AWARD IN MEMOIR/AUTOBIOGRAPHY FOR *THE SECOND BUD: DESERTING THE CITY FOR A FARM WINERY*



Martha M. Ezzard is a lawyer, an award-winning writer for the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, and a farm winery owner. She's always been a passionate lover of the outdoors. The Ezzards raised their family in Colorado where she was a press aide to the governor and served in the state Senate while practicing law. A native of Atlanta, Ezzard has returned to her Georgia roots and her husband's family farm.

“Opening Martha Ezzard’s *The Second Bud* is like popping the cork on a bottle of fine wine: the more you sip, the gooder it gets. Forget all the glamorous, foo-foo crap you’ve ever heard about owning a vineyard; growing wine is hard work and so are the challenges the author and her husband face. So lush is Martha’s telling that the reader is caught up in the fragrant, beautiful landscape of the vineyard without ever having set foot on the soil.” — Nancy Stephan, Memoir/Autobiography Judge

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