

Step into the pages of Maud Hart Lovelace's "Deep Valley" during the early 1900s. Maud Hart Lovelace was born in Mankato in 1892 and lived there until 1910. The author of six novels and eighteen children's books, Maud often remarked that she always felt destined to become an author. She is best known for her beloved series of Betsy-Tacy books, which to a great extent depicts her childhood days in Mankato, Minnesota, the fictionalized "Deep Valley."

Maud's books have created a historical account of life for one little girl growing up in the Midwest at the turn of the century. Her stories of small town life, family traditions and enduring friendships have captured the hearts of her fans over the years. This guidebook is designed to take you on a tour of the Mankato places Maud so accurately describes in her Betsy-Tacy books.

"To find the Deep Valley of the Betsy-Tacy stories in this hustling, modern Mankato is not easy. You must wipe out the changes time has brought and bring back the horse and buggy days."

Maud Hart Lovelace, 1961

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