

MOTHER IN HISTORY



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WHEN a writer as gifted as Jean Stafford encounters a subject as highly charged as Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, almost anything can happen. As Miss Stafford explains, "I had come to Texas to see Mrs. Oswald because she is (as she was frequently to tell me) 'a mother in history.'"

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