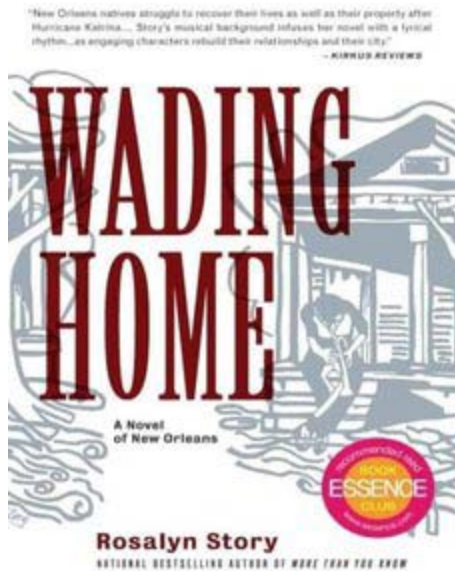


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A Big Easy Story

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Dallas-Based Rosalyn Story's first book *More Than You Know* won media kudos. Now the author visits Houston as her second novel—*Wading Home: A Novel of New Orleans*, about a jazz trumpeter's search for his missing father who rode out Hurricane Katrina in his Treme home—hits shelves.

You're a writer and also a Ft. Worth symphony violinist. What's your musical bag?

Jazz. I went to the same school as Charlie Parker and used to sneak into clubs before I was 21.

Is the trumpeter in your book fashioned after anyone?

Yes, many, like Wynton Marsalis and Terrance Blanchard.

Where do you write?

Coffee shops. Listening to jazz where I can lay down a vamp.

Best memory of new Orleans?

My first bowl of gumbo at Dooky Chase's.

Where were you when Katrina hit?

Dallas. I was terrified as the levees began to fail, but everyone I knew evacuated.

Houston or Dallas?

Even though I live in Big D., Houston...it's less conservative.