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1954 TRAVEL MEMOIR SPANS GENERATIONS

STOW, Mass. — Two friends and two generations share a story. In 1954, two young women in their twenties, Katherine “Kit” Tucker and Marialyce “Rusty” Tyler, sailed on the *Queen Mary*, bought a car in Paris, and toured Europe on just “5 dollars a day.” In 2014, their daughters, Nancy Cowan and Tara Taft, published *The Tucker - Tyler Adventure*, the story of Kit and Rusty’s journey.

As they traveled throughout Europe, visiting 13 countries and staying overnight in 42 cities in just three months, Kit and Rusty wrote letters home full of excitement and enthusiasm for the places and people they discovered. They wrote about the men, the food, and the sights. They wrote about their many adventures and the constant reminders of a recent world war.

In 2010, their daughters, Nancy Cowan and Tara Taft, began editing the letters Kit and Rusty wrote home. *The Tucker - Tyler Adventure* is a travel memoir composed from over 60 letters, postcards, slides, and mementos offering a glimpse into the lives of two young women and the 1954 world in which they traveled. They were young and impressionable and their writing reflects their wonder at the sights they see.

For more information, go to www.tuckertyleradventure.com. Like the book on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tuckertyleradventure or buy the book on Amazon.

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About the Authors

Nancy Cowan

Nancy Cowan has traveled to many of the same places her mother did but does not think she would ever be brave enough to share her journals with her daughters. She graduated with a degree in Russian History and Literature from Wesleyan University. Nancy lives with her family in Carlisle, Massachusetts.

Tara Taft

Tara Taft inherited her mother's sense of adventure and wanderlust and writes about travel and food on her blog snapshotsandsojourns.com. Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, she graduated with a degree in Communication Studies and Environmental Studies from the University of California at Santa Barbara before moving to the East Coast. When she's not traveling, Tara lives with her family near Boston. Follow Tara on Twitter @tara_taft.

Katherine Tucker Cowan

Katherine (Kit) Tucker Cowan spends the warm months with her husband, Ross, at their home on Martha's Vineyard, where they enjoy gardening, sailing, and golf. They also have an apartment in Concord, MA where they spend time with their grandchildren and visit Boston to take in the symphony, visit museums, and attend the ballet..

Marialyce Tyler Dorward

Marialyce (Rusty) Tyler Dorward loved the theater, to entertain, to cook, and to travel. Born in North Dakota and raised in South Dakota, she lived in Chicago, New York, and finally San Francisco where she spent the last 56 years of her life. She passed away in May 2012 in San Rafael, California, and is buried at Scotty Phillips Cemetery in Fort Pierre, South Dakota.