

Jessamyn's first book out soon

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Jessamyn West MacPherson, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldo West, first Yorba Linda-educated young woman to reach real literary fame, has in the past year had dozens of her Quaker short stories published in the quality magazines, and now she is to have published, probably this week, her first book. Its title will be *The Friendly Persuasion* and its publishers are Harcourt, Brace & Company.

The Harcourt, Brace 1945 catalogue says of the forthcoming and its author:

"Jessamyn West is of Indiana Quaker stock, and she writes of things which echoed through her childhood. Her prose is warm and glowing, keyed to the lovely nostalgia of the scenes. David Harum would have felt at home in these pages, and every modern reader will find a new, refreshing laughter in reading them. Jessamyn West's delightful short stories have been appearing of late in the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Collier's*, *Harper's Bazaar* and other magazines. *The Friendly Persuasion*, her first book, will bring to wide attention the family of the Birdwells, soon, we believe, to be a famous American family."