

Quiet Of Holden Beach Produced Two Books

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a friend whose club program fell through at the last minute, Griffin put together a talk in two hours, all about her 1973 award as a Durham County Mother of the Year.

"The phone started ringing after that," she said. "Now, I average four talks a month." The subjects might have come straight from one of her books: *There Is Life After Children*, *All In A Mother's Line of Duty*, and

The Strange Loves of a Housewife.

The Griffins purchased their Holden Beach property in 1970, after having rented several times from a pediatrician. "I thought it was very wise for the parents of nine children to spend their vacation in a pediatrician's home, with him living nearby," she joked.

The canal home is owned jointly with three of the children and all take

turns enjoying it, because there's not enough room for the whole tribe, including 16 grandchildren, to gather at once.

Griffin said three of her youngsters saved their money while in high school and bought their own Holden Beach lot. "They learned about investments and money management this way," she said, "because they

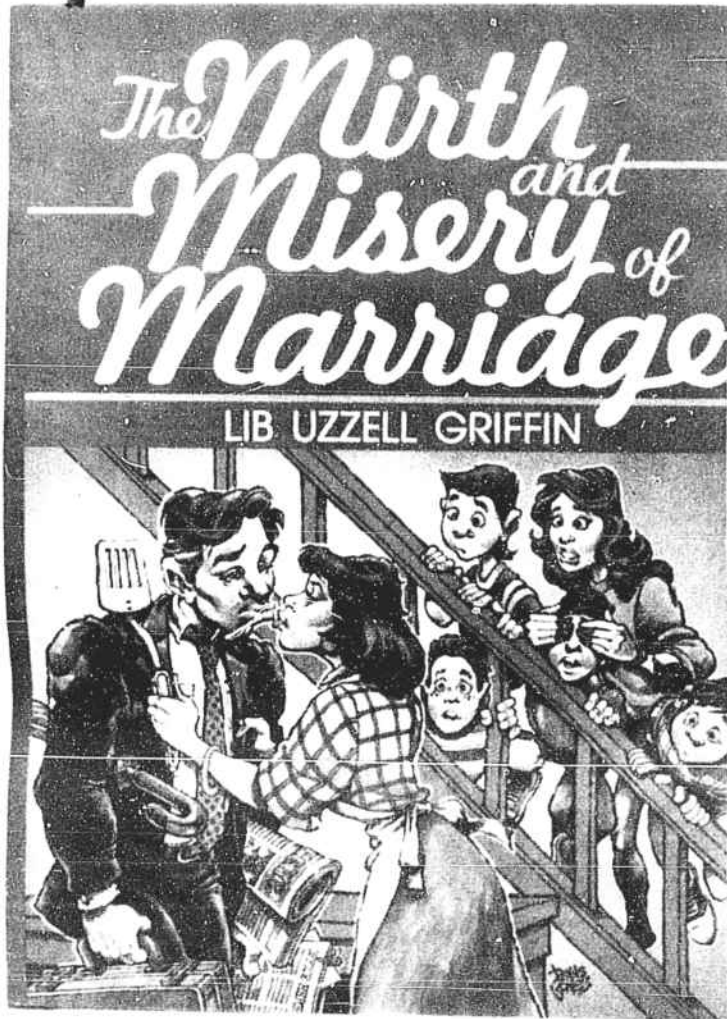
made all the payments."

Having now raised the kids and launched two careers, Griffin still enjoys her times with Chief, and the tips in her marriage book ring true. Stylish and colorful, she obviously takes this advice from "The Mirth and Misery of Marriage:" "Make sure you're as good-looking as possible, because beauty is No. 1 with

men, according to psychologists."

She also writes, in a more serious vein, "Part of the adventure (of marriage) is learning to gain strength from each other's differences instead of letting them split you apart."

Griffin's current writing project is a history of Chapel Hill, but the crafting of this one is going on in the Triangle area.



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