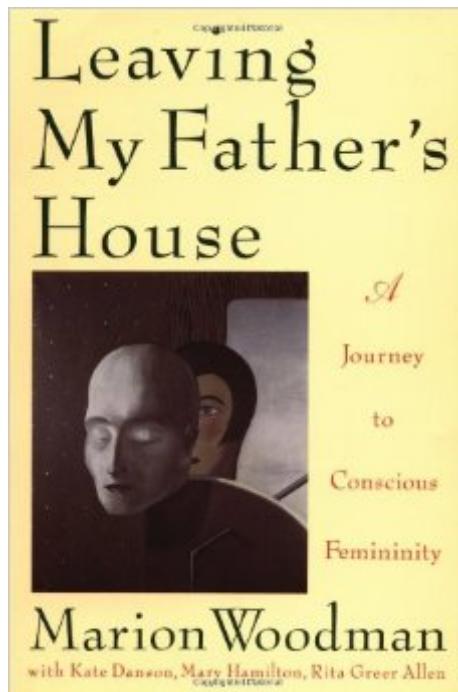


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# Leaving My Father's House: A Journey To Conscious Femininity



## **Synopsis**

The renowned analyst and author here provides deep insight into the process required to bring feminize wisdom to consciousness in a patriarchal cultureâ "as struggle in which many women are more fully engaged today than ever before. Presenting the personal journeys of three wise women as maps, she points the way to the state of inner wholeness and balance she calls "conscious femininity."

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With this book, Marion Woodman guides us through a complex and difficult journey. Her work with women through the often painful and lonely process of coming into their own life is shared with wisdom, compassion and deep love. I have found this book to be fundamental to my growth and my process. The women who shared their stories have enriched my life and have helped guide me on my way. I've given this book as a gift to many women friends, and I feel it can be a helpful and useful tool for anyone embarking on the inner journey.

If life had a reading list, this book would certainly be on it. Woodman does a supreme job of linking the women's narratives -- clarifying and filling in their experiences in archtypical and Jungian terms -- without dimming the spotlight on their individual experiences. How long will we live our lives unwhole and blaming others (or even ourselves!) for our unhappiness? Until we all read this book and others like it, I'd guess.

In middle age, life can seem to drag to a halt. Marion Woodman and her coauthors demonstrate that the richest part of inner work is possible when we no longer are focusing most of our energy on the outer world of our families, or our careers. The stories these women tell of their own dream journeys are almost beyond belief, and inspired me to resume dream work I abandoned years ago. The journey never ends, and *Leaving My Father's House* begins a whole new ring on the spiral to wholeness. My only complaint is that at times the book felt too wordy.

We can't think about fathers without thinking about how our relationships with the men in our lives are shaped by the patriarchal culture in which we live. *Leaving My Father's House* offers the personal journeys of three wise women, mapping for us the process of understanding and turning away from the constraints that we must transcend if we are to become individuals, both strong and feminine at the same time. Each woman takes a different journey toward her own truth, each defines herself in different ways as she creates her own house, her own space, her own personal time. Working with dreams, journals, spaces, art, and music, the three women show us how to see our lives and our surroundings as metaphors for the process of interior growth, and teach us to understand how important it is to leave our Father's house in order to build and furnish the home of our own spirits. This isn't an easy book--the narratives are dense and interwoven and the language is influenced by Woodman's Jungian perspective. But for women who want to explore the archetype of the Father's House and its crucial importance in our lives, this is a classic must-read book. by Susan Wittig Albert for Story Circle Book Reviews[...]reviewing books by, for, and about women

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This book is absolute gold in literary form. It is a bible for women living in the patriarchy. The keys to the kingdom of embodiment and self-love.

Marion Woodman's wonderful work about conscious femininity. For Jungian analysts or people familiar with deep psychology.

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