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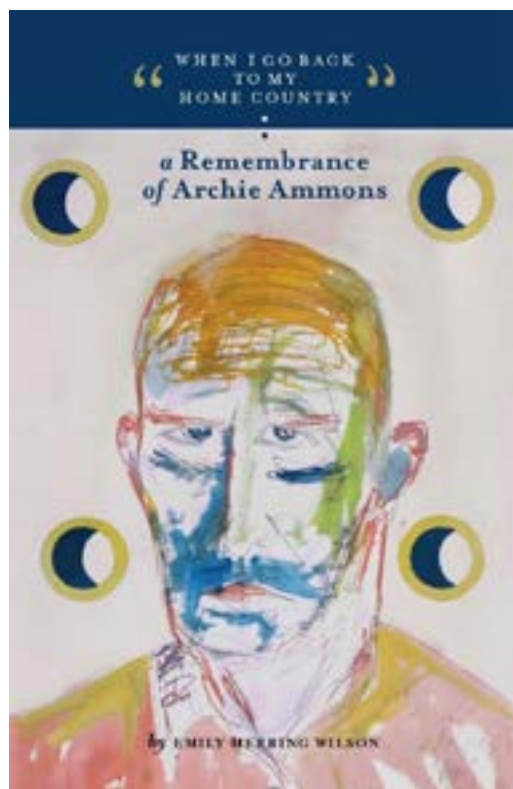
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It is intended for students and adult readers with an interest in contemporary poetry, literature, and education, and especially for poets and readers of NC literature.

This is Emily Herring Wilson’s 7th nonfiction book, her last being *The Three Graces of Val-Kill: Eleanor Roosevelt, Marion Dickerman and Nancy Cook in the Place They Made Their Own* (UNC Press 2007). She is also the author of 5 collections of poetry and editor of two collections of letters by the garden writer Elizabeth Lawrence.

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