

“How She Made Comfort for Them All”:
Reflections on Caregiving in the Works of Pearl
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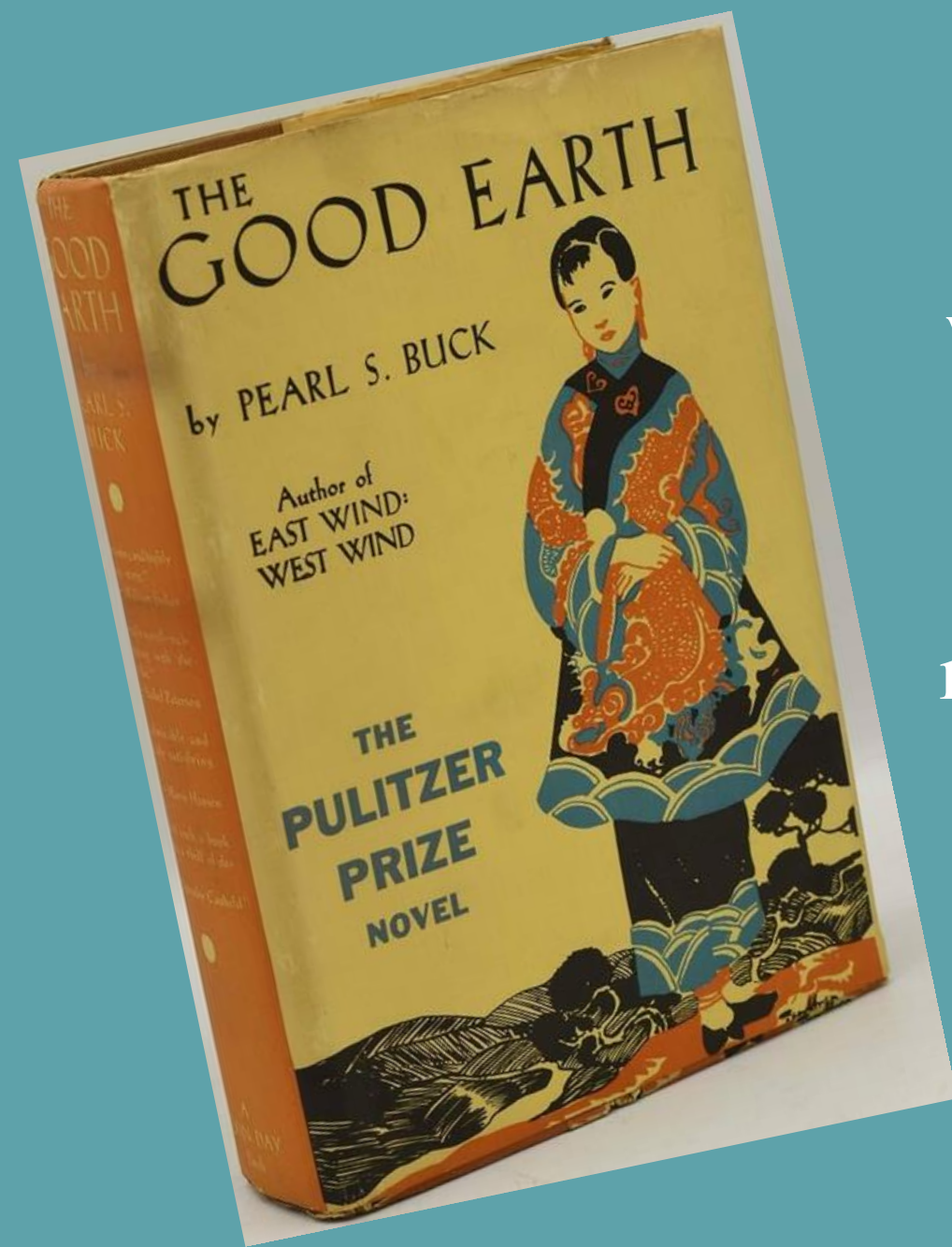
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1923-2018

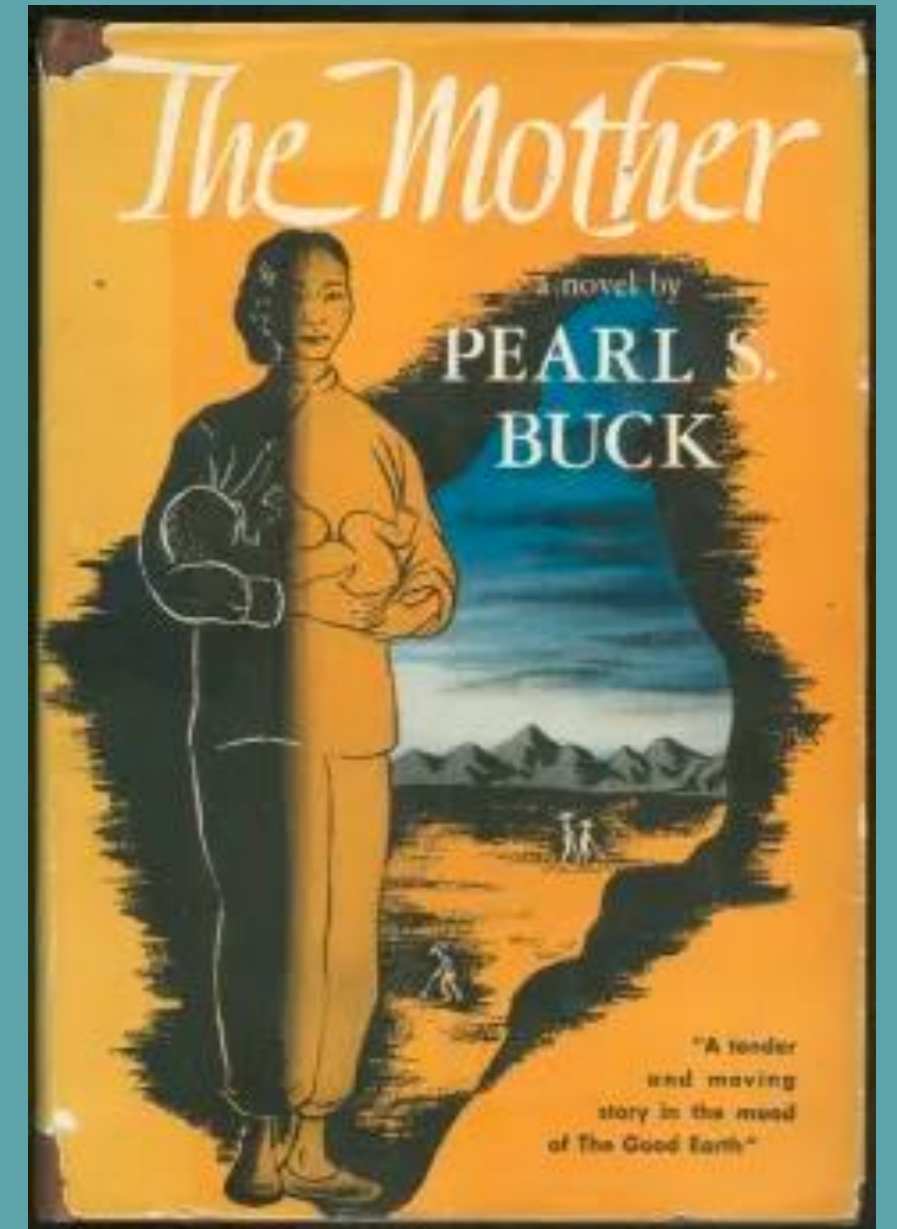
“All through the long months of winter she lay dying and upon her bed, and for the first time Wang Lung and his children knew what she had been in the house, and how she made comfort for them all and they had not known it.”



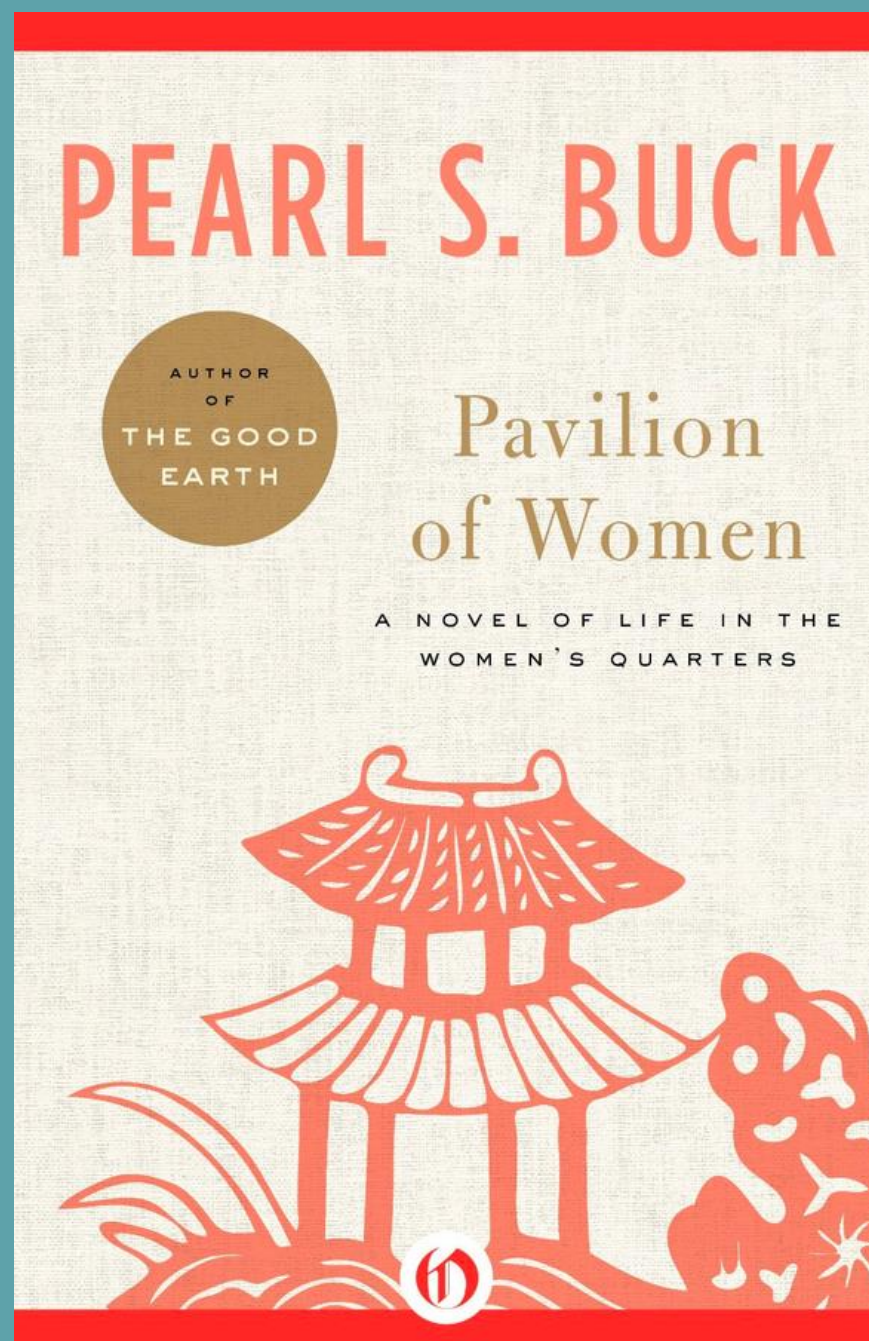
“It seemed now that none knew how to light the grass and keep it burning in the oven, and none knew how to turn a fish in the cauldron without breaking it or burning one side black before the other side was cooked, and none knew whether sesame oil or bean were right for frying this vegetable or that...and Wang Lung could not make the old man understand what had happened that O-lan no longer came to bring him tea and hot water and to help him lie down and stand up.”

The Good Earth

“She laid her head against the grave and wept the way that women do when their hearts are too full with sorrow of their life and spilled and running over and they care no more except they must be eased somehow because all of life is too heavy for them.”



The Mother

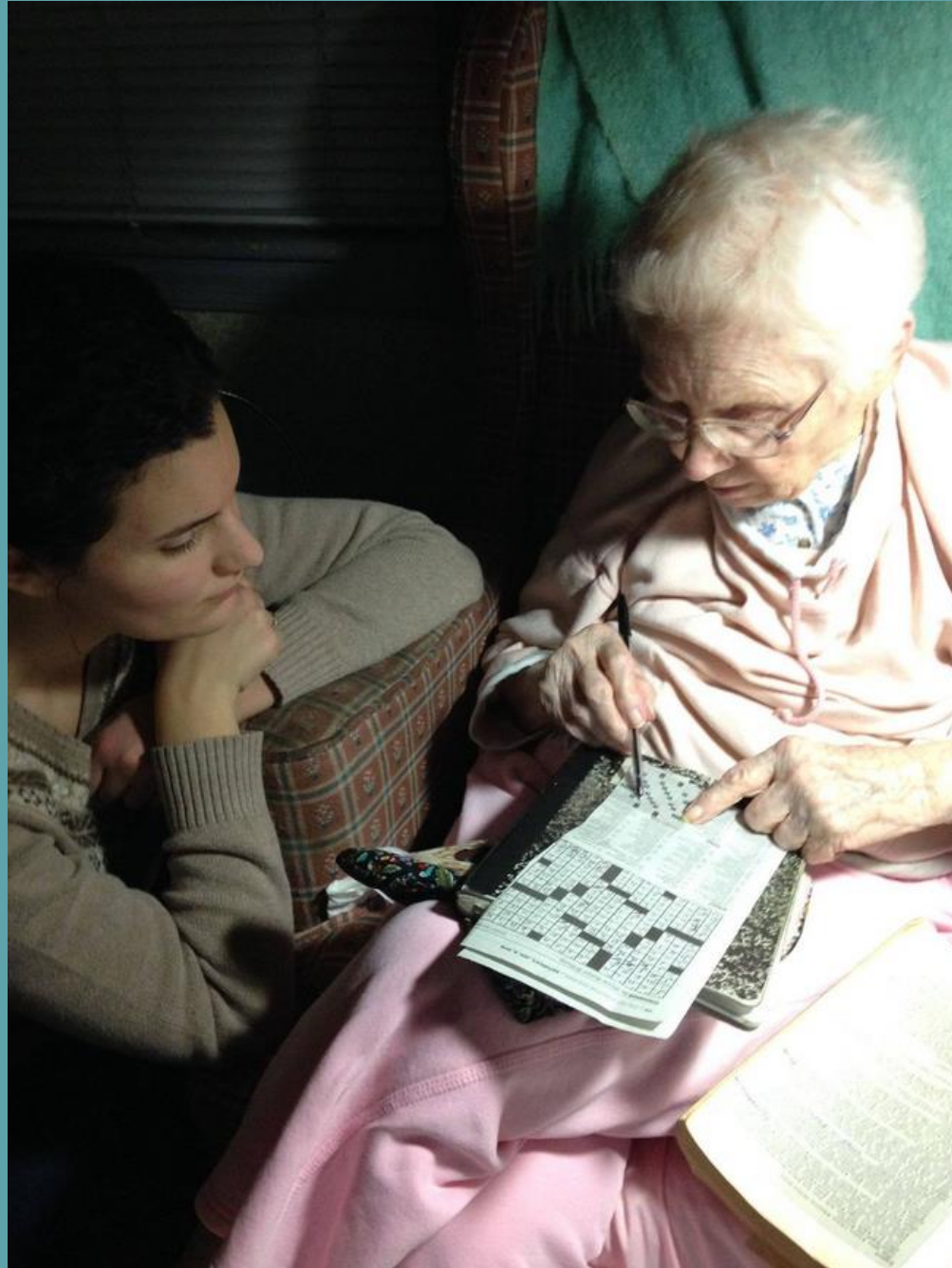


“I will spend the rest of my life assembling my own mind and my own soul. I will take care of my body carefully, not that it may any more please a man, but because it houses me and therefore I am dependent upon it.”

Pavilion of Women

Caregiver Resources:

- Caregivers Action Network
- Caring Across Generations
- Dementia Careblazers
- Brain Injury Association of America



Danielle & Dorothy circa 2017

Further Reading:

- *Travelers to Unimaginable Lands: Stories of Dementia, the Caregiver, and the Human Brain* by Dasha Kiper
- *Ladysitting: My Year With Nana At The End Of Her Century* by Lorene Carey