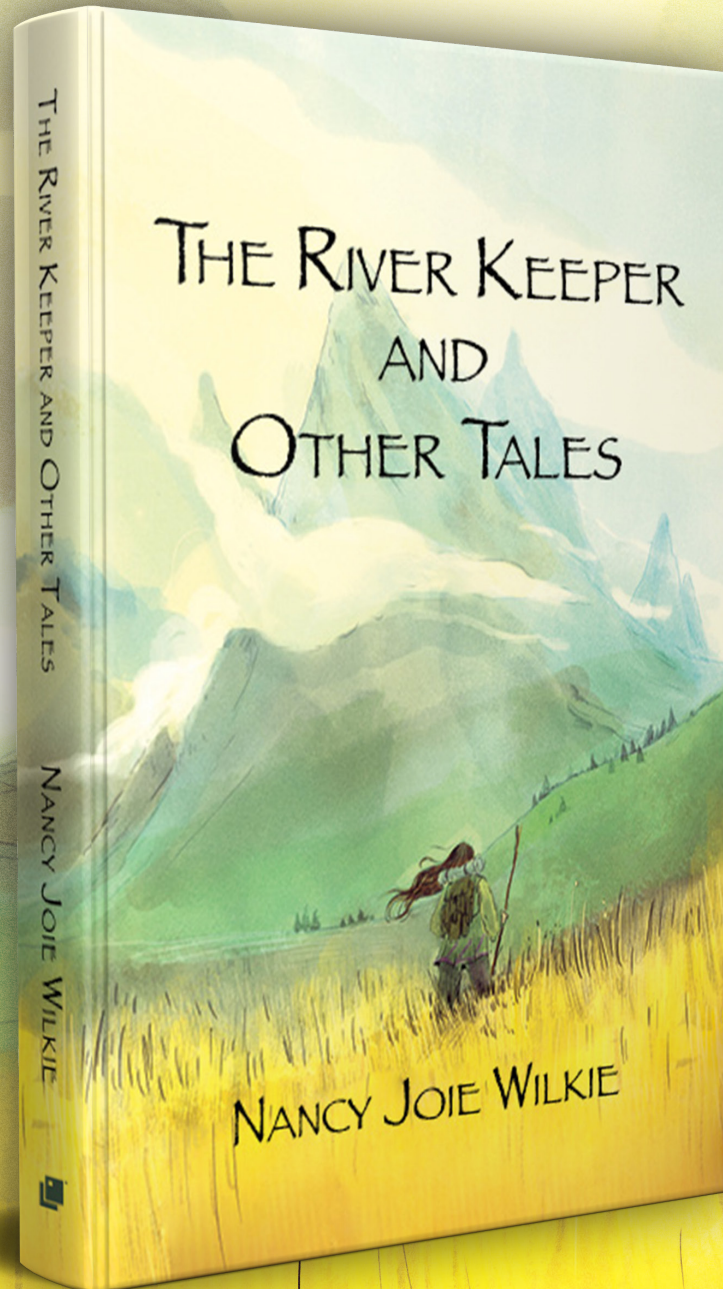


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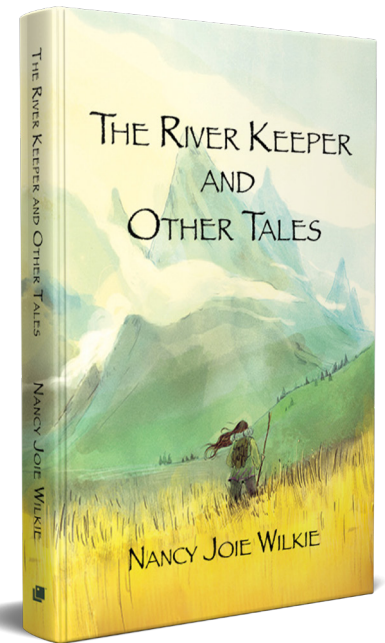
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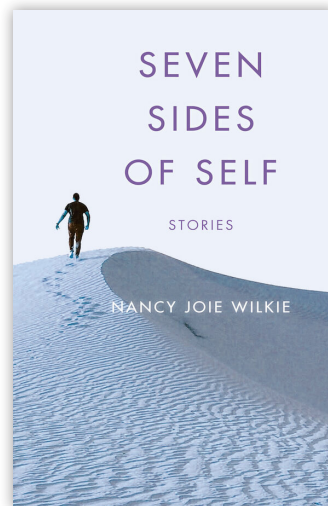


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*The River Keeper and Other Tales* is her third collection of stories. She released *Seven Sides of Self*

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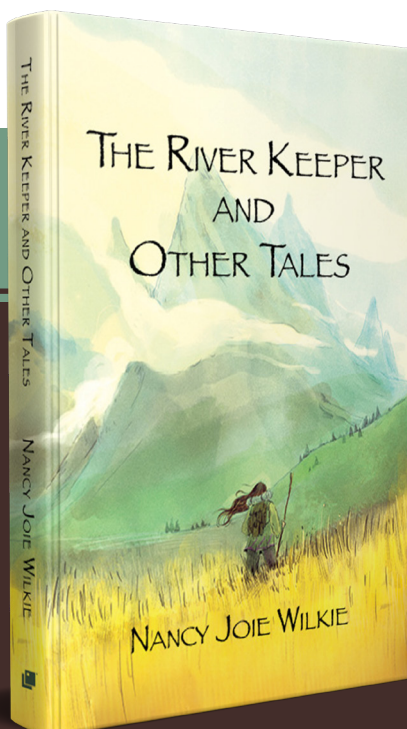
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