

people whom she had observed in northern Indiana. In June 1936, this novel, "Straw in the Wind", was awarded the Major Fiction Award of \$1500 in the Avery Hopwood and Jule Hopwood contest of the University of Michigan. There were three national judges, two of whom were former Pulitzer prize winners. The monetary part of the award was to be used in furthering education or experience as in travel. Ruth went by Greyhound bus through the western part of the United States, then sailed from Los Angeles to Hawaii, spending six weeks there. One unforgettable experience was seeing one of the few remaining active volcanoes in the world, Mauna Loa. She returned on an English ship, the Empress of Canada to Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia; returning to Detroit by the Canadian Rockies route.

Dodd Mead and Company of New York published "Straw In The Wind", as well as her second book, "Today is Enough." Both novels were also published in Canada. She published under the name of Ruth Lininger Dobson. In connection with this work, she has had numerous speaking engagements in various cities and at several colleges including Purdue University where she appeared on a Careers Program with Jacqueline