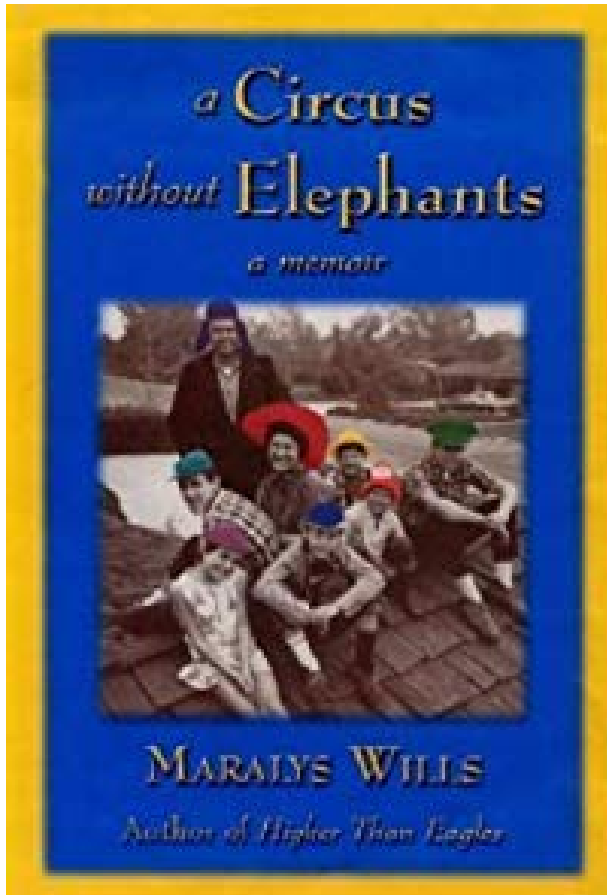


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Maralys Wills unwittingly becomes the ringmaster of an eight-sport family-- an exuberant troupe of five boys and a girl that discovers joy and laughter in offbeat creations like double-decker bicycles and primitive hang gliders.

Thanks to the kids, she soars to 2,000 feet on a tandem hang glider, plays tennis with Dinah Shore, and appears on Family Feud. When tragedy strikes, she and her family must summon great reserves of humor and the courage to move on. At its heart, *A Circus Without Elephants* is the story of its author, Maralys Wills, the bemused ringmaster, snapping her marshmallow whip over a bewildering array of characters--her family. Her stories will make you smile, or laugh out loud, and yet there are times you will find a lump in your throat. You will be delighted by the circus, you will love the ringmaster. -E. Ervin Tibbs Author of *Sunset Tomorrow*