With success came problems

In her Ann Arbor apartment, Julia Grice is ruth-lessly polishing the third draft of her latest novel. She's also anguishing over a pile of manuscripts written by people she's never met — but knows pretty well.

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"I laid awake all last night wondering if I've been too hard on them," worries the author of three big selling novels, including "Lovelite" which is nearing the million mark.

"I don't want to discourage them, but to help them. In so hard on mysell."

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similar stacks.

"Most writers there would like to be in my position, God help them," says the 39-year-old Ann Arbor author, whose life turned upside down with the
publishing of "Lovefire" two years ago.
"But most of them won't be ready to listen."
Julia Grice was an Avon Township housewife
leading a "quiet life" caring for two sons, writing
magazine articles and bicycling when Avon Books
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She has since been through the breakup of two marriages, lived in Hawaii where she underwent a writing "crisis," and is now on her own for the first writing "crisis," and is now on her own for the files time.

Tempting as it is to compare her with one of her fictional heroines, she won't allow it.

"I'VE LED A very dull life," she says firmly.
Nervous about her first interview in her "new status", she tries to put the changes in perspective.
"It's been rough. A lot of bad things have happened," says Ms. Grice. "But I've learned a lot boot myself. It's been a real growth experience."
Although she's always loved writing, Julia Grice never planned to be a novellst.
As a high schooler, the Battle Creek native's

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newspaper writing earned her two college scholar-ships. At Albion College, she edited the student pa-per and did an honors project in creative writing. But she was awed by writers — still is — and enver expected to be one. "It just never occurred to me! could do it," recalls the author who is so prol-ific her publisher can't get her books out as fast as she writes them.

"I cried when I started grade school because I didn't think I could learn to write."

AFTER MARRIAGE at 22, she was a public as-sistance worker in Ann Arbor while putting her hus-band through law school. The job was so interesting she intended to get a master's degree in social work after her children were in school.

"My life was all planned at that point," Ms. Grice reflects. "Somehow I got off the track."
She started writing again 13 years ago when the diaper service delivered a baby magazine with arti-cles written by young mothers. She submitted "He's All Yours Now," carned \$25 and has been writing ever since.

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"I was in ecstasy, Some of it was terrible stuff, but I couldn't stop writing." she remembers.
With two toddlers she couldn't get out to do research, so she tackled mostly family-type articles. She also sold confession stories based on things she heard or read about — like salad oil parties and speeding on Woodward Avenue.
"I'm just coming out of the closest with these," says Ms. Grice, who now has enough confidence to frame the unsigned articles she hid for years. She doesn't know why she was so embarrassed by the articles, which also tackled topics like the occult, masectomies and runaways. "They're how I learned to write."

AFTER SELLING "What They Don't Tell You About Having a Baby" to Pocket Books in 1975, she got an agent.

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Julia Grice (Staff photo by Kathy Parrish)

IN JANUARY, she remarried and moved to Ha-waii, where she was depressed over the unsuccess-ful second marriage, missed her sons and had fi-

nancial worries.

"In Hawaii I hated the money I earned and hated writing," she says.

Now back in Ann Arbor, she's on her own for the first time. "It was an incredible mistake," she says of the second marriage, which is being annulled. "But it's true, I did it and I'm gutsy enough to put up with the consequences."

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