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3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. \*Exact Center\* is Exactly RightBy David L. TateJoan Vail Thorne's \*Exact Center of the Universe\* hits on the funnybone and tugs at the heartstrings. The story is of the South and of Vada Love Powell and her son, Apple. Apple springs the news to Vada that he has secretly gotten married to Mary Ann Mele, "an Irish Italian Catholic girl whose mother drives a schoolbus," news Vada is none too pleased to hear. Set in the 1950's and 1960's, the plot centers around Vada and her friends Marybell Baxter and Enid Symonds, refined ladies of times past, as they come to terms with the changing world around them. The story plays well, and audiences love the humor of the aging "tree-house gang" as they deal with Apple's marriage, his sister-in-law Mary Lou's anthropological photographs of naked New Guinean tribes, and trouble in their beloved Episcopalian Women's Guild. As an actor currently playing Apple Powell onstage, I can strongly recommend this production for its humor, its wit, and its sentimentality.