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Kraft, Eric. **Herb 'n' Lorna: a love story.**

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Kraft's Peter Leroy (*The Personal History, Adventures . . . of Peter Leroy*, vols. 1-8, 1982) is back, with a slice of early 20th-century Americana in the story of his grandparents. Herb and Lorna Piper were just "Gumma" and "Guppa" to Peter until he learned, after their deaths, that they also were master crafters of animated erotic jewelry and sculpture. Lorna carved ivory figures; Herb made their movable parts and sold them. These "coarse goods" bring Herb 'n' Lorna together, buy their independence, sustain them through the Depression and the fall of Studebaker (whose cars Herb also sells), and reignite their passion. A warm, gently humorous, leisurely story, quite proper throughout: a charmer.—*Michele Leber, Fairfax Cty. P.L., Va.*