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#### **Editorial Review**

#### From Booklist

The quirky crowd from Way Down Deep (2007) returns in this sweet sequel. Ruby, who mysteriously appeared as a toddler in the Appalachian town, is now 10 and still living with Miss Arbutus, who runs the boarding house. There are some new guests, including Ruby's grandmother, who is learning to read; little Rita, who lost her mother and stays during the week; and Ruby's teacher, the unpopular Miss Duke. Ruby loves her life, but things start turning when her pet goat dies and Miss Arbutus feels an ill wind blowing into town. Then the local mines start closing, and everyone in Way Down Deep feels the pinch—and sometimes it's a slap. Can Ruby help save the town? Will the special button Rita gave her as a gift be part of the solution? And can the town come together when a treasure appears? This Capraesque story doesn't hold many surprises. But readers will respond to both the story's soft sincerity and the magical touches that provide an ending both they and the characters are longing for. Grades 4-6. --Ilene Cooper

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"Both fable and mystery, Way Down Deep is simply irresistible, as plucky orphan Ruby June searches for the secret of her past, deeply entwined with an entire community worthy of Dickens. Funny, sweet, and filled with the heart's own truths, this is the best book yet from the queen of Appalachian storytelling." ?Lee Smith, author of On Agate Hill and Fair and Tender Ladies, on Way Down Deep

"A tale of magical beginnings and the everyday magic of an ordinary place populated by a colorful cast of characters worthy of Dickens. A story to love." ?Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review on Way Down Deep

"At the heart of the story are profound questions that readers will enjoy puzzling out." ?Booklist, Starred Review on Way Down Deep

"Captivating and thoughtful on many levels, White's novel offers humor, mystery, and a feel-good ending that a multitude of readers will find satisfying 'way down deep.'" ?School Library Journal on Way Down Deep

"Has its own memorable charm." ?The Horn Book on Way Down Deep

"White's humor is wise and gentle. . . . Goats, children, readers, disappointed old men, and crotchety old women--all find a warm welcome in Way Down Deep." ?The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books on Way Down Deep

"Ruth White . . . narrates in a voice that is not condescending by wryly knowing, as if she's Flannery O'Connor for the younger set." *?Chicago Tribune on Way Down Deep* 

"Peopled with delightfully quirky characters, this short novel caputres the authentic cadences of Appalachia." ?VOYA on Way Down Deep

"You easily fall in love with the little town of Way Down Deep." ?A YALSA YA Galley Teen Reader on Way Down Deep

"This book has a great plot. I love the small hometown-feeling of the story and all of the characters. . . . this book was great!" ?A YALSA YA Galley Teen Reader on Way Down Deep

"This is one of my favorite books--I felt like I was really in Way Down Deep." ?A YALSA YA Galley Teen Reader on Way Down Deep

#### About the Author

**Ruth White** has written many middle grade and young adult books. Her books include *Way Down Deep*, *The Treasure of Way Down Deep*, *A Month of Sundays*, *The Search for Belle Prater*, and *Belle Prater's Boy*. She received the Newbery Honor Award for *Belle Prater's Boy*. She lives in Hummelstown, Pennsylvania.

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