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Editorial Review

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We've seen this situation before: a parent neglects a child, while the child seeks a wider community to find support. Here that child is 12-year-old Addie, who lives with Mommers in a trailer on a busy street in Schenectady after her adored stepfather and half sisters move upstate. Mommers has lost custody of the "littles" because of neglect, and though she and Addie can laugh together, once Mommers hooks up with Pete, she is not much for good times—though she brings the bad times home. Addie finds solace in occasional visits to her sisters and in her neighbors, especially Soula, ill from her chemotherapy treatments. Connor takes a familiar plot and elevates it with smartly written characters and unexpected moments. Addie starts out being a kid who thinks she has to go along to get along, but as Mommers' actions become more egregious, her spine stiffens. And though Addie loves her time upstate, she is willing to forgo it when the normality she has there is more painful than positive. This is a meaningful story that will touch many. Grades 5-7. --Ilene Cooper

Review

"A heroine with spunk and spirit offers an inspiring lesson in perseverance and hope. First-rate." (Kirkus Reviews (starred review))

"A story centered around loss, heartbreak, abandonment, and new beginnings." (School Library Journal (starred review))

*"This book persuades that good people and delightful possibilities are all around, even in the most unpromising circumstances." (KLIATT)

"[Leslie] Connor treats the subject of child neglect with honesty and grace in this poignant story. Characters as persuasively optimistic as Addie are rare, and readers will gravitate to her." (Publishers Weekly (starred review))

"Connor convincingly portray's Addie's beyond-her-years resourcefulness and the opposing feelings that drive her to protect the life she has while longing to be a permanent part of the 'normal' home her sisters occupy with her stepfather." (The Horn Book)

About the Author

Leslie Connor is the author of several award-winning books for children, including *Waiting for Normal*, winner of the ALA Schneider Family Book Award, *Crunch*, *Miss Bridie Chose a Shovel*, and *Dead on Town Line*, a young adult novel in verse. She lives with her family in Connecticut.

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