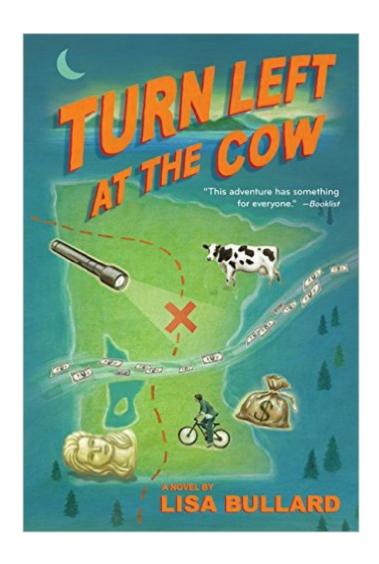
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Turn Left At The Cow





Synopsis

Thirteen-year-old Trav has always wondered about his dead-before-he-was-born dad. But when he heads from California to his grandmother's house in rural Minnesota, hoping to learn about his past, he gets more than he bargained for. It turns out his dad was involved in a bank robbery right before he mysteriously disappeared, and the loot from the take is still missing. Along with Kenny and Iz, the kids next door, Trav embarks on a search for the cash. But the trioâ ™s adventure quickly turns dangerous when it becomes clear that someone else is looking for the moneyâ "someone who wonâ ™t give up without a fight!

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Age Range: 10 - 12 years

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Customer Reviews

Turn Left at The Cow is a well written, fast faced adventure that will be perfect for young readers who enjoy realistic fiction with more than a bit of mystery and a nice touch of romance. When thirteen year old Travis decides he has had enough of his life in California, he leaves his mom and her new husband to travel cross country and stay with his Grandma in Minnesota. It's quite a lifestyle change for Travis, and when he discovers that the father he never knew has a rather sordid history involving bank robbery and hidden money, he finds himself embarking on a quest to uncover the lost dough and discover the truth about what happened so long ago. This is a fast paced read, tightly plotted and filled with moments of home spun humor. The chicken drop game at the church

fundraiser had me laughing out loud! The dialogue is witty and well written, with Travis narrating the tale with a typical thirteen year old blend of world wise snark and boyish innocence. The author has perfectly captured the age, and her depiction of the relationship between Travis and his cohort Isabelle is both refreshing and sweet. It's a great portrait of an important age when hand holding means everything, and "almost kisses" happen a lot more than the real thing. The ending is filled with moments of genuine peril that will certainly leave young readers breathlessly turning the pages as they wonder how Travis is going to escape with his very life. The story deals with important issues surrounding friendship, family, and being true to who you are without ever becoming didactic. This has the feel of an old fashioned classic kid's adventure tale that I remember from the good old days, when summer held nothing but the promise of new things to discover.

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