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Editorial Review

Review

“A teen novel based largely on the true story of a 1957 desegregation case in Little Rock Ark, showing how far we have come since then. Using “Mossville” as her setting, Ms. Walter traces two communities waiting for a judge’s decision on whether the court will allow a black teen-ager to attend the city’s exclusively white school.” —*Christian Science Monitor*

“A moving, dramatic recreation of the 1957 integration of Little Rock High School as seen through the eyes of a black girl and a white girl.” —*Booklist*

About the Author

Mildred Pitts Walter (b. 1922) grew up in Louisiana. She was the first member of her family to attend college, and then became a teacher and civil rights activist. As a book reviewer for the *Los Angeles Times*, Walter noticed that there were few books about African Americans, especially for children, and decided to write them herself. She has written over twenty books for children, and has been heralded for her compelling portraits of African American family life. Walter was awarded the Coretta Scott King Award for *Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World*; *Because We Are* and *Trouble's Child* are Coretta Scott King Honor Books. Walter now lives in Denver, where she was inducted into the Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame in 1996.

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