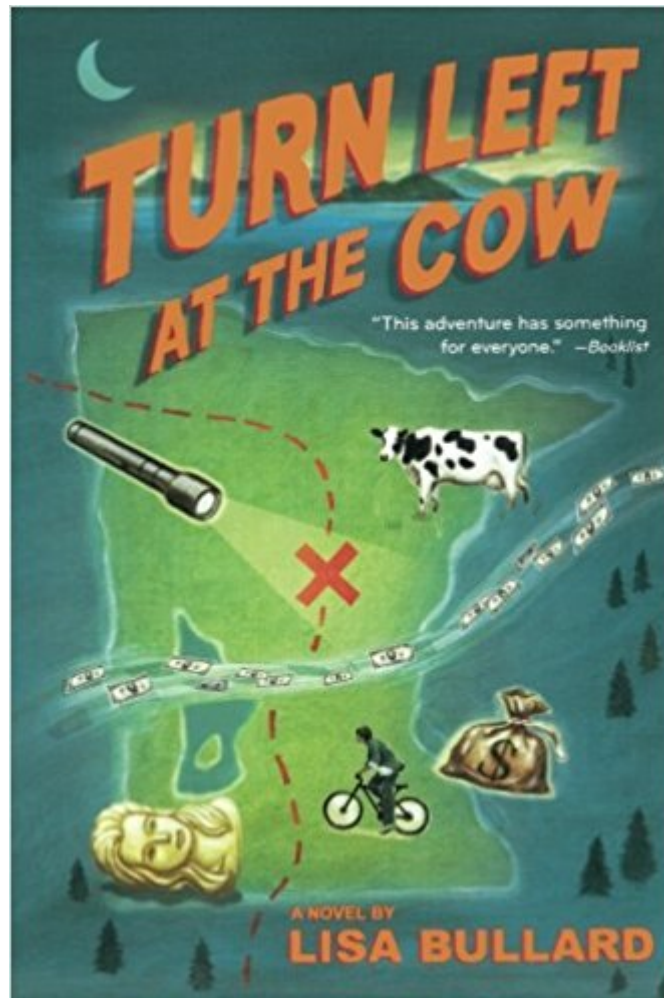




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Synopsis

Thirteen-year-old Trav has always wondered about his— a dead-before-he-was-born dad. But when he heads from California— a 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— a 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 trio— a —'s adventure quickly turns dangerous when it becomes clear that someone else is looking for the money— a — someone who won— a — give up without a fight!

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Customer Reviews

When Travis Stoiska runs away from his lovey-dovey mother and stepfather in California and heads to his grandmother's house in Middle-of-Nowhere, Minnesota, he thinks he is undertaking a quest to learn about the father he never knew. He gets much more than he bargained for, though, and lands headfirst in a 14-year-old mystery involving a bank heist, missing money, and a town full of people who believe his father did it. Trav befriends next-door-neighbor cousins Kenny (a smiling giant of a football hero) and Iz (the freaky girl with a special something), and the three set out to solve the mystery and claim the reward, which means something different to each of them. Bullard has a good sense of family and community dynamic and articulates complex conflict and resolution

with honesty and humor. Her characterizations breathe with life, and she paints the setting, all church-basement hot dishes, patriotic parades, and live-bait vending machines, with affectionate respect. With a warm narrative, careful plotting, actual danger, and the beginnings of romance, this adventure has something for everyone. Grades 4-7. --Thom Barthelmess --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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A mystery novel with light romance.occasional annoying writing, but a nice romance plot and interesting idea.WHY THE HELL IS IT CALLED TURN LEFT AT THE COW!?

Summer reading selection for my incoming middle schooler. He liked the mystery and twists.

It was a big twist full of adventure, suspense, thriller, and mystery. I would recommend it to anyone. There's even a little bit of sports!

Great summer reading for my 6th grader. She loved it!!

It is a good Nebraska Golden Sower children's choice nominee. I met the author at a literature festival this summer. She autographed it. Will give it away as a prize at school.

Cool story. Writing could be better. The author employs a lot of slang, which becomes tedious and detracts from the character development.

My middle schooler read this book for school and really enjoyed it. The book is a mystery and

revolved around kids his age. It was fast-moving and he finished it in record time- for him anyway. The book is sprinkled with sarcasm, humor and a sprinkling of sweetness, but not too saccharine. I think there might have been a few choice words, but nothing terrible. My kid said he would recommend it to kids his age (but I liked it, too).

Good

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