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About the Author

DEBORAH HOPKINSON is the author, most recently, of *A Boy Called Dickens*. She has written numerous other books, including *Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building*, an ALA Notable Book and a *Boston Globe-Horn Book* Honor Book; *Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek*, an ALA Notable Book and a Junior Library Guild Selection; and the ALA Notable Apples to Oregon. Her many other acclaimed titles include *Under the Quilt of Night* and *Fannie in the Kitchen*.

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