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About the Author

Elizabeth Goudge was a British novelist (1900-1984) born into the home of an Anglican priest and theologian. She wrote children's books as well as novels--her "Green Dolphin Street" was made into an Academy-Award winning film. In style and themes she parallels English writers such as the creator of the Miss Read series as well mirroring the spiritual depth found in George MacDonald's Victorian novels. She won the Carnegie Award in 1947 for "The Little White Horse," which is J. K. Rowling's favorite children's book.

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