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Before, Celia had a friend. She had parents living together in the same house. She had not yet been publicly humiliated by vacuous Sandy Firestone. By the time she turns 14, however, her friend is gone, her parents are on a “trial separation,” and the terrible memory of Sandy’s prank burns in Celia’s heart. Her transformation into an angry, vengeful spirit is complete by the time she walks through the doors of Hershey High School, but her gloom is unexpectedly disrupted by the surprising friendship of Drake, a gorgeous new student. Celia is smitten, and the teens grow close enough for Drake to reveal his biggest secret, which breaks Celia’s heart. Increasingly, her poems are her solace, and Celia’s true vitality emerges in her love of language. Suggest this to fans of David Levithan’s and A. S. King’s books, as well as all teens who feel outside the frenzy of high-school social life. Grades 8-10, --Diane Colson

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"What debut novelist Finneyfrock captures perfectly is the powerlessness of being a teen.... Illuminated with flashes of humor, Celia’s narration is expressive, and her poems, which are sprinkled throughout the novel, elucidate her emotional state with grace and specificity."

—[Kirkus Reviews](#)

"Finneyfrock gives Celia a drily funny voice that keeps the narrative zipping along."

—[Publishers Weekly](#)

"Finneyfrock weaves characters and plotlines into an entertaining and thought-provoking mix. She succeeds in making her debut much more than a “problem novel” by creating a memorable outsider who is articulate, funny, and brave."

—[SLJ](#)

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"Readers will like Celia and pull for her to learn that being true to herself is the sweetest revenge of all."

—[Bookpage.com](#)

"This well-written, engaging, and ultimately hopeful book offers sympathetic characters with depth and interest.... Many readers will see themselves reflected in these pages."

—VOYA

#### About the Author

Like Celia Door, Karen Finneyfrock grew up filling notebooks full of poems. Now, she lives in Seattle, WA where she teaches workshops on creative writing and travels to perform poetry. Karen has previously published two books of poems. Karen Finneyfrock is also author of Starbird Murphy and the World Outside.

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