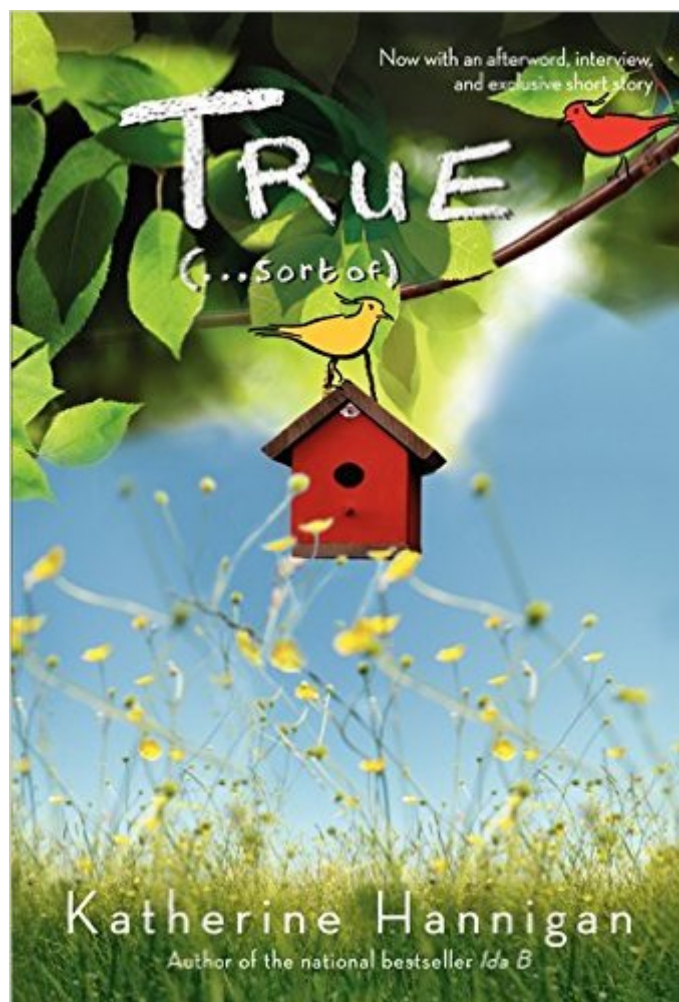


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Synopsis

Can friendship save you? The day Ferris Boyd moves to town, Delly Pattison is sure a special surprise (a present that is a surprise) is on its way. Instead, Delly ends up in even more trouble than usual. The Boyds' arrival in River Bluffs means big changes for Brud Kinney, too. He can't believe who he's hanging around with. Ferris Boyd isn't like anyone Delly or Brud have ever known. Ferris is a mystery and a wonder. Through friendship, though, Delly, Brud, and Ferris discover truths that will change their lives. And bring them the best surprise of all. Includes an all-new afterword featuring a short story, photographs by the author, and more

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Customer Reviews

True: TRUE (...SORT OF) is a great book for kids. True: TRUE is the latest from bestselling author Katherine Hannigan. True: TRUE should find a home in each and every kid's beach reading basket this summer. True: TRUE is an entertaining, well-written and moving look at young friendships and the personal truths that each of us live by every day of our lives. "Delly Pattison was trouble: little trouble on the way to BIG trouble and getting closer to it everyday." So goes Hannigan's introduction to protagonist Delly, a young girl who looks forward to the spontaneous arrival of what she likes to call "surprises" (surprise presents that come totally unexpectedly). Some recent turns

of fate in her life seem to be pointing to bad times ahead, but a new family in town may hold the key to changing all that negativity into positivity instead. Hannigan has a kid-friendly way not only with characters but also with verbiage. In fact, there are plenty of unique words that make kids take notice double quick, like "dellyventures" (Delly's adventures, which seem to require their own definition) and "lugdraggerers" (you'll have to read the book to figure this one out!) Hannigan's attempts are all successful, and I wouldn't be surprised to see some of these terms make their way into our lexicon for good. The interactions among the characters read like a Preston Sturges story --- the names, the attitudes and the situations are all wacky and funny, but underneath reveal a deeper and more heartfelt look at the world of kids and their social associations. Delly's eccentricities, her "dellyventures," have no fans in her school, so there are some serious obstacles to overcome. But just because an adult doesn't really get what she's doing, is she really trouble?

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