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## Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

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Review

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"Dorothy Allison is, without question, one of the finest writers of her generation."—**The Boston Globe**

"Please reserve a seat of honor at the high table of the art of fiction for Dorothy Allison."—**The New York Times**

"One of the glories of Allison's writing is that she refuses to be a good girl. . .and that, after all, is what it's all about."—**The Nation**

About the Author

Dorothy Allison is the acclaimed author of the nationally bestselling novel **Bastard Out of Carolina**, which was a finalist for the 1992 National Book Award. The recipient of numerous awards, she lives in Northern California.

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