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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 4–6—Beans Curry and his family are down on their luck. Their whole town of Key West is; it's the Great Depression, and jobs and opportunities are scarce. Beans learned at an early age that adults lie to children, and he goes on to apply that logic to the New Deal stranger who shows up in town one day, claiming the government sent him to make their dumpy town a tourist destination. Sure that the man is a lunatic, Beans ignores him as he tries to find ways to make money for his family, and sometimes even for himself. Beans evolves as a character when he realizes the role he played in a tragedy. In an effort to make up for it, he spearheads his gang into helping the New Dealers make tourism successful in Key West. Those who have read Holm's *Turtle in Paradise* may remember Beans as Turtle's cousin. However, familiarity with the companion book isn't necessary to enjoy this new novel, which is told in a series of vignettes that build on one another, some humorous and others poignant. The book's younger characters have an "Our Gang" feel to them, with adult characters playing decidedly backseat roles. Holm peppers the characters' vocabularies with phrases and slang from the time, which may take some getting used to. The most surprising thing about the work is that it is based on real history. Holm weaves a charming combination of old family stories into the history of the New Deal's Key West experiment, including further information about the history of the project at the end of the book. VERDICT Young readers will enjoy this heartwarming, humorous introduction to a challenging time in American history.—Juliet Morefield, Multnomah County Library, OR

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"Filled with humor, heart, and warmth; readers can only hope to hear more about the Curry clan." —*Kirkus Review* starred review

"Period details—like keeping Sears and Roebuck catalogues handy in outhouses, "marble mania," people with leprosy hidden by their families, and the Shirley Temple craze—make for entertaining and illuminating historical fiction." —*Publishers Weekly* starred review

"Multifaceted supporting characters—an intrepid group of friends (all with nicknames such as Pork Chop and Too Bad), a fussy baby brother, a pushy girl nemesis, a mean grandmother, a Key West resident afflicted with leprosy—are all seen through Bean's refreshingly honest eyes and create a novel as entertaining as the motion pictures he loves to see." —*The Horn Book Magazine* starred review

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Praise for Jennifer L. Holm:

"As a storyteller, Holm is superb." — *School Library Journal*

"Holm impressively wraps pathos with comedy." — *Booklist*

"Anyone interested in learning to write crowd-pleasing historical fiction for elementary school readers would

be wise to study Holm's work."— *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Sweet, funny and superb."— *Kirkus Reviews*, Starred Review

#### About the Author

JENNIFER L. HOLM is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Fourteenth Goldfish* and three Newbery Honor Books, as well as the co-creator of the Babymouse and Squish series, which she collaborates on with her brother Matthew Holm.

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