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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Late one night 14-year-old Birle, the innkeeper's daughter, dives into the river in rash pursuit of a supposed thief, promptly falls in love with this runaway Lord of the Kingdom and embarks with him on a world-spanning adventure. Birle and her Lord are shipwrecked on a barren coast, rescued by pirates, sold into slavery and, after many other tribulations, narrowly escape and head for home. *On Fortune's Wheel*, set in the same imaginary world as *Jackaroo*, is a lush narrative woven from elements of classic fairy tales and legends. Newbery Medalist Voigt has provided enough plot for two or three tales, compelling characterizations, keen psychological insights and a surprising, deeply rewarding ending. This novel truly has something for everyone. Ages 11-up.

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From the Inside Flap

"JACKAROO's many fans will willingly...follow the intrepid Birle as Fortune's wheel swings...from drudgery to adventure, from iron servitude to luxury, and then finally to independence."

BOOKLIST

Fourteen-year-old Birle, an Innkeeper's Daughter, can't imagine herself married to Muir, a hunter who lives in her village. Then, one extraordinary day, she finds a thief untying one of the Inn's boats. She tries to stop him, but by the next morning, she realizes he was Orien, a handsome young Lord, who was leaving his Kingdom behind. She vows to follow him wherever he goes. And together they take a perilous journey to the uncharted South--a sinister place where warriors rule and captives become slaves for life....

About the Author

Cynthia Voigt won the Newbery Medal for *Dacey's Song*, the Newbery Honor Award for *A Solitary Blue*, and the National Book Award Honor for *Homecoming*, all part of the beloved Tillerman cycle. She is also the author of many other celebrated books for middle grade and teen readers, including *Izzy*, *Willy-Nilly* and *Jackaroo*. She was awarded the Margaret A. Edwards Award in 1995 for her work in literature, and the Katahdin Award in 2004. She lives in Maine.

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