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From Publishers Weekly

A sister and brother's journey through Johannesburg to find their mother becomes an awakening to the sufferings of the people living under the system of apartheid. Ages 9-12.

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Review

"A provocative, eloquent story about the human spirit." (Publishers Weekly)

"This well-written [story] has no equal. Evocative and haunting." (School Library Journal (starred review))

About the Author

Beverly Naidoo grew up in South Africa under apartheid. She says: "As a white child I didn't question the terrible injustices until I was a student. I decided then that unless I joined the resistance, I was part of the problem." Beverly Naidoo was detained without trial when she was twenty-one and later went into exile in Britain, where she has since lived.

Her first children's book, *Journey to Jo'burg*, was banned in South Africa until 1991, but it was an eye-opener for thousands of readers worldwide. Her characters in *Chain of Fire*, *No Turning Back*, and *Out of Bounds* face extraordinary challenges in a society she describes as "more dangerous than any fantasy." She has won many awards for her writing, including the Carnegie Medal, the Jane Addams Book Award, and the American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults for *The Other Side of Truth*, about two refugee children smuggled to London who are also featured in *Web of Lies*.

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