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- **Florence Branch - 7663 Mall Road, Florence, KY 41042, (859) 647-6400**
- **Newport Branch - 1 Levee Way, Suite 2107, Newport, KY 41071, (859) 581-2000**

**Campbell County Public Library**
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- **Florence Branch - 7663 Mall Road, Florence, KY 41042**
- **Scheben Branch - 8866 US 41, Union, KY 41091**
- **Walton Branch - 21 S. Main Street, Walton, KY 41094**

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- **Main Library - 502 Scott Boulevard, Covington, KY 41011, (859) 962-4071**
- **Durr Branch - 1992 Walton-Nicholson Road, Independence, KY 41051, (859) 962-4030**

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- **Durt Branch - 1950 Walton-Michaels Road, Independence, KY 41051, (859) 962-4030**
- **Williamson Independent J/S High School - 300 Willow Street, Williamson, KY 41097, (859) 834-4601**

**Boone County Schools**
- **Boone County Schools - 8550 US Highway 42, Florence, KY 41042, (859) 283-1003**
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- **Grant County Public School - 201 Barnes Road, Williamstown, KY 41097, (859) 824-2080**
- **Kenton County Public Schools - 300 Willow Street, Williamson, KY 41097, (859) 834-4601**
George Ella Lyon grew up near a small coal-mining town amid a large extended family who shared stories, music, and poetry. She began writing early in childhood and kept up with it as she progressed through college, marriage, and motherhood.

Lyon's work typically focuses on the lives and concerns of the Appalachian people, particularly those in her native state, Kentucky. She is an author who has worked in many genres, including picture books, poetry, juvenile novels, young adult novels, and scholarly articles about American literature and women's issues.

Two Important Characters

Which characters did you like or dislike? Did you change your opinion about any of the characters over the course of the novel?

How important is the setting for this story? What is the theme of this story? Is there more than one? Would this book make a good movie? Which actors or actresses would be good in the roles?

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In addition to visiting local libraries, George Ella Lyon will also speak to students in a number of local schools and community partners.

media partners
- Barnes & Noble Bookstores
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- Boone County Schools
- Campbell County Public Library
- Grant County Public Library
- Grant County High School
- Kenton County Public Library
- Williamsport Independent Jr/Sr High School

community friends
- Bettye Morgan Woman’s Club
- Boone County Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution
- Boone County Historical Society
- Florence Woman’s Club
- Kenton County Adult Education
- Newcomers of Boone County

community exercises and a list of resources.

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