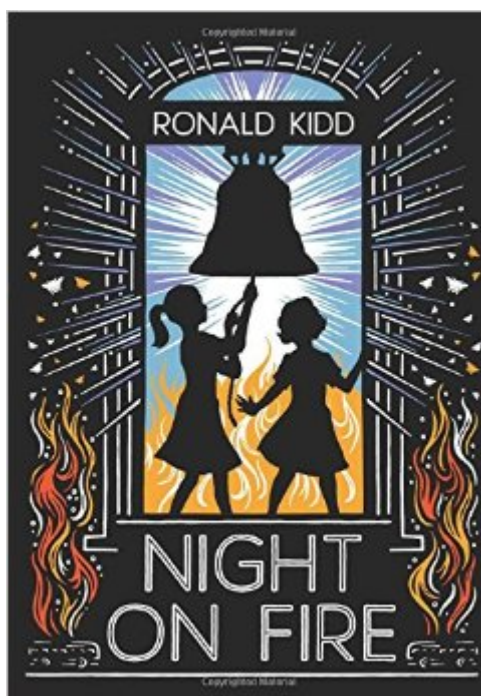


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Thirteen-year-old Billie Simms doesn't think her hometown of Anniston, Alabama, should be segregated, but few of the town's residents share her opinion. So when Billie learns that the Freedom Riders, a group of peace activists riding interstate buses to protest segregation, will be traveling through Anniston on their way to Montgomery, she thinks that maybe change is finally coming and her quiet little town will shed itself of its antiquated views. But when the bus stops, Anniston residents show just how deep their racism runs. The Freedom Riders will resume their ride to Montgomery and Billie is now faced with a choice: stand idly by in silence or take a stand for what she believes in.

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(NOTE: this is a "book talk" of sorts that I did for a school project. Since a review is long overdue, I decided to post it. Hope you enjoy!) It's dark out in Alabama. So dark, in fact, that you can hardly see the passing of the sleek, silver Greyhound buses as they amble down the path to the bus station. So dark that the crowds, some apprehensive, some hopeful, some angry and fuming and fist-clenched-full, are almost hidden from sight, eyes gleaming out from the lit-up bus station. So dark that our heroine is as-of-yet concealed, watching from her hilltop house with bated breath. For she yearns for a life of adventure, of travel. She yearns to ride within the Greyhound bus to

who-knows-where, sticking her head out the window and feeling the air whip back her hair. This is Billie Sims - yes, a girl. But not a girly-girl type of girl, she assures you. And with her camera-wielding friend, Grant, at her side, she rides down steep hills on her bike, trying to match their speed with the Greyhounds. The ever-present Greyhounds, that is. But what Billie doesn't realize - could never even anticipate - is that THIS Greyhound bus, the one glinting in the dark, the one drawing in crowds both hopeful and angry, the one that she now watches, waiting, not quite sure what she is about to witness. This Greyhound bus will change her life, either for better, or for worse. So off goes Billie, on the greatest adventure of her lifetime, caught in the middle of a struggle between white and black, hate and light. A struggle even Martin Luther King JR and Miss Harper Lee have gotten involved in. A struggle even the President is swept along with. (this is a quote from the book) "You know what prejudice is?" she asked. "Prejudice?"

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