

Twelve-year-old Stick Lawson lives on Hatteras Island, North Carolina, where life moves steady as the tides, and mysteries abound as long as you look *really* hard for them. Stick and her friends Rain and Neb are good at looking hard. They call themselves the Dime Novel Kids. And the only thing Stick wants more than a paying case for them to solve is the respect that comes with it.

But on Hatteras, the tides are changing. World War II looms. The island's cranky postmistress is acting suspicious. Curious newcomers have appeared. There are spies on the island—the Dimes know it. But who? Then in the waters off Hatteras's shores, a wartime menace shatters the island's peace, upending Stick's life and the lives of everyone she loves. The Dimes are about to face more mysteries than they ever could have wished for, and risk more than they ever could have imagined.

Inspired by the real-life U-boat torpedo attacks off the shores of North Carolina, *Island of Spies* delivers all that Sheila Turnage does best—tender and funny depictions of family and friendships, a sweeping mystery with larger-than-life heroes, and a loveably bold and big-hearted protagonist.

Growing up in eastern North Carolina, Sheila Turnage fell in love with Hatteras Island's shipwrecks, secret World War II history, and whispered spy stories—which helped inspire *Island of Spies*. Sheila is the author of the award-winning Mo & Dale Mysteries, which kicked off with *Three Times Lucky*, a Newbery Honor Book, a *New York Times* bestseller, an E. B. White Read-Aloud Honor Book, and an Edgar Award finalist. Her follow-up, *The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing*, also a *New York Times* bestseller, received five starred reviews. *The Odds of Getting Even* and *The Law of Finders Keepers* rounded out the series with numerous starred reviews, and all four books were Junior Library Guild selections.

Sheila is also the author of two nonfiction adult books, a poetry collection, and a picture book, *Trout the Magnificent*, illustrated by Janet Stevens. She lives on a farm in eastern NC with her husband, a very smart dog, a flock of chickens and guineas, one lonely goose, and a couple of sweet-faced goats. She still loves visiting Hatteras Island.

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