



Is Everybody Happy Now?: Growing Up After World War II (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. After World War II, miners in Crested Butte work only three days a week, so in order to support his family, Steve Skufca moves his wife and three daughters to Gunnison. Only 28 miles apart, the two Colorado towns have little in common other than their high altitudes, bitter winter cold and snow storms. Crested Butte s immigrants and their families are Catholics, Democrats and union supporters. Gunnison s Anglo-Saxon ranchers boast of generations living off the land and hold fast to their Protestant faith and the Republican Party. Nine-year-old Shirley Skufca is afraid she ll never adapt to her new life in Gunnison. Terrified of going to a new school in the sixth grade, she tries to be like the other girls, attempting unsuccessfully to ice skate and only moderately successful riding a horse. She makes friends with Karen who shares her love of books, and they spend hours attempting to write a novel when they aren t talking endlessly about boys. Shirley gains some acceptance when she is elected one of the queen s attendants for the Spring Festival,...



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