



Essie Rose's Revelation Summer

by Deanie Yasner

**“There are so many things
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND.”**

What happens when the lone Jewish girl in a small Mississippi town challenges the rules of segregation in the hot summer of 1953?

Essie Rose Ginsberg, writer, loner, and all-time worrier, is hoping for a carefree summer. But when the family's beloved housekeeper is suddenly called away, Essie Rose must figure out how to “get on with her business” and make her Pearlie May proud.

When Daddy's store is vandalized, mean girls bully her, and her entry in the essay contest is jeopardized because Pearlie May is not a Caucasian, Essie Rose's worries become a reality.

Read over her shoulder as Essie Rose chronicles a summer of friendship, love, loyalty, and “getting on with her business.”



Inspired by the author's childhood experiences in the 1950s Jim Crow South

*Moving, multi-layered, and meticulously researched coming-of-age novel
Explores themes of diversity, segregation, coming-of-age struggles, bullying, friendship and loyalty, courage in the face of discrimination, finding your own voice, love, loss and grief*

Praise for *Essie Rose's Revelation Summer*:

“Yasner is a new talent to watch, and Essie Rose is an unforgettable character. Don't miss this story.” – **Anna Myers**, author of 20 books for young people, including *Tulsa Burning*

“An absolute delight. I laughed. I cried. I loved it.” – **Mary Guess Flamer, Ed.D.**, Former Title I Coordinator, NJ Department of Education

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