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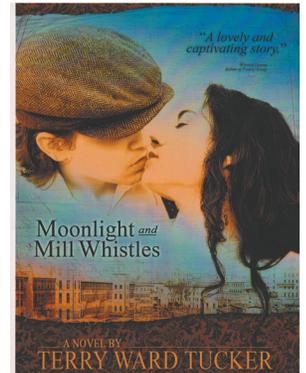
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This is the poignant story of Tommy and Rhona, two adolescents in the rural South during the early 1900's, who must prematurely put an end to childhood in order to help support their families. Child labor is still legal in spite of a national movement to outlaw it, and millions of children, some as young as seven, must labor in spirit numbing, menial, and often dangerous jobs for the same long hours as adults.



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