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*Three Times Lucky* by Sheila Turnage

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"Here is a writer who has never met a metaphor or simile she couldn't put to good use. Miss Lana's voice is 'the color of sunlight in maple syrup,' while '[r]umors swirl around the Colonel like ink around an octopus.' But it's Mo's wry humor that makes this first novel completely memorable."
--*Publisher's Weekly*

“Mo LoBeau is destined to become a standout character in children’s fiction.”
--*Kirkus Reviews*

Meet Miss Moses LoBeau, rising sixth grader, borderline straight-A student, and natural born detective. Mo, a “possible orphan” who washed into Tupelo Landing NC the day she was born, looks forward to a lazy summer. She’ll take karate with her best friend Dale Earnhardt Johnson III, continue her search for her long-lost mother, and help out at the café operated by the Colonel and Miss Lana-–the good-hearted but quirky folks who took her in when she was a baby.

But when the café’s crankiest customer turns up dead and a city-slick lawman comes to town,

Mo's life in Tupelo Landing turns upside down. Mo and Dale set out to solve the murder and protect the people they love, and end up solving the mysteries of their own lives in the process.

*Three Times Lucky*, for ages 10 and up, has received starred reviews from *Kirkus, Publishers Weekly* , and *Booklist* . It's a Junior Library Guild selection, a SIBA "Okra Pick," and a recommended children's book on Amazon.com and Barnes&Noble.com for the month of May.

Sheila Turnage lives on a farm in North Carolina with her husband, a blind dog and an ill-tempered cat.

A native North Carolinian, she's spent most of her life surrounded by the poetry and humor of rural NC. She writes books, articles and poems, and enjoys writing about the South in general and NC in particular. Her books include *Compass American Guides: North Carolina* and *Haunted Inns of the Southeast* .

*Three Times Lucky* is her first novel for kids. It's set in the fictitious town of Tupelo Landing, North Carolina--population 148 minus one (murder).

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