

Susan Marcus Bends the Rules

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Racism is still a significant issue, and this historical novel puts the Jim Crow laws of 1943 at the forefront in a way that encourages children to take a closer look at how our world is changing and continues to change for the better. Set in a town in Missouri, where young Susan has just relocated from the more liberal New York, this story traces the journey of one girl's efforts to bend the rules of segregation so her new friend, Loretta, can be included in the fun at the pool, at school, and even in each other's homes. Jane Cutler's eloquent prose makes it easy for readers to step into the shoes of the characters who lived more than seventy years ago as she educates about social issues including race, class, and gender. Ages eight to twelve.

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