



Girl in the Backseat

By Norma Charles

Ronsdale Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Girl in the Backseat, Norma Charles, Ages 10 years & over. In this fast-paced, on-the-road Young Adult novel, Norma Charles once again manages to include provocative social issues in an adventure story that will appeal to children from age twelve and up. Charles takes on the issue of young girls being forced to marry older men in Bountiful-style communities where polygamy abounds. She also explores the issues involved in mixed-race families where colour is a factor. The novel opens with fifteen-year-old Jacob Armstrong disgruntled to find that his mother has decided that the whole family must accompany his sister, Minerva, to her new university on a road trip all the way from Vancouver to Winnipeg. The only saving grace is that he and Minerva get to drive in a peppy little Mini, away from the rest of the embarrassingly crazy family in the family van -- which includes their step-father, Fred Finkle and his two sons, Barney, a stand up comedian-wanna-be, and Sam, an eleven-year-old dinosaur expert. Before they leave BC, Minerva and Jacob are shocked to discover a stowaway in the backseat of their Mini. It's a girl dressed in old-fashioned...



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