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### Editorial Review

#### From the Back Cover

There are families like the Beans all over America. They live on the wrong side of town in mobile homes strung with Christmas lights all year around. The women are often pregnant, the men drunk and just out of jail, and the children too numerous to count. In the 'Beans of Egypt', Maine, we meet the God-fearing Earlene Pomerleau and experience her obsession for the whole swarming Bean tribe. Therecousin Rubie, a boozier and a brawler, tall Aunt Roberta, the earth mother surrounded by countless, clinging babies, and Beal, sensitive, often gentle, but doomed by the violence within him.

#### About the Author

Carolyn Chute is the author of *The Beans of Egypt, Maine*; *Letourneau's Used Auto Parts*; *Snow Man*; and *Merry Men*, a New York Times Notable Book of the Year. She has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Thornton Wilder Fellowship. She currently lives in Maine with her husband.

#### From [AudioFile](#)

Some novels should be heard and not read, and Chute's classic about the tiny town of Egypt, Maine, and its mostly related residents, last name Bean, is definitely one of them. There is just no way to accurately write a backwoods Maine accent; you've got to hear it. When Joyce Bean and William Dufriis speak in their characters' heavily Maine-inflected voices, Chute's characters are suddenly standing there right in front of you, even if you wish they weren't. As in William Faulkner's novel *AS I LAY DYING*, these characters provoke more disgust than sympathy, sinking lower and lower till they hardly seem human. The surprise is, they are human, and, partly due to beautifully understated readings, by the end of the book your heart is breaking for them. N.G. © AudioFile 2009, Portland, Maine

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