

# Annie Billups Follows Up Her Debut Rooty with November Sunshine — A Soul-Stirring Portrait of Appalachian Womanhood

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- After earning praise for her emotionally rich debut *Rooty*, author Annie Billups returns with her newest novel, *November Sunshine*—a powerful, unflinching narrative that illuminates the life of a girl born into hardship, silence, and resilience in post-WWII West Virginia. Both books are now available, and with *November Sunshine*, Billups solidifies her voice as one of quiet strength and profound emotional clarity.

*Rooty: A Gentle, Uplifting Story of Belonging for Children*

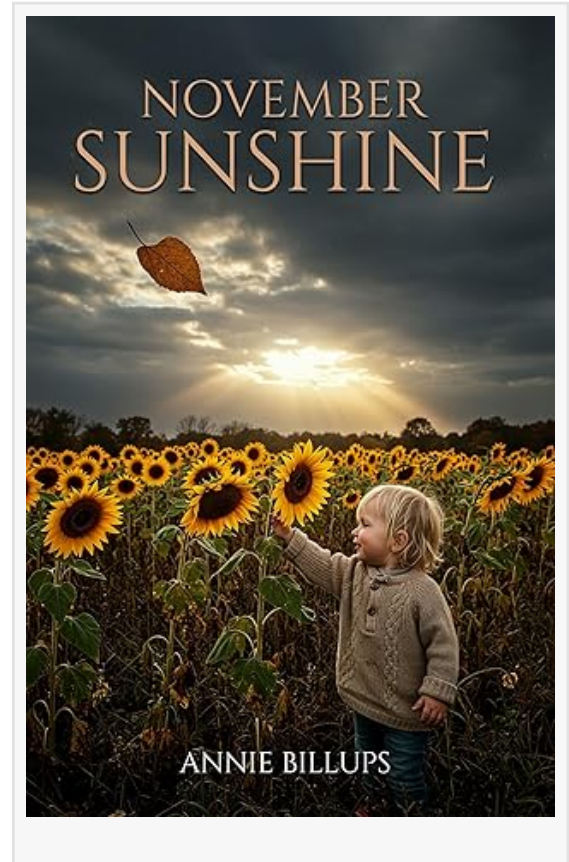
In *Rooty*, Billups introduces young readers to a small brown seed who grows into a plant and embarks on a heartfelt journey of self-worth, loneliness, and quiet courage. Told from *Rooty*'s point of view, this charming and emotionally intelligent children's book follows his path from sprouting in a bowl of water to feeling overlooked in a flower shop, all while longing to be seen as special. Through playful narration and tender themes of growth and resilience, *Rooty* becomes a story that helps children understand the value of self-love, even when others don't notice you right away.

With warmth, whimsy, and emotional resonance, *Rooty* lays the foundation for Billups' compassionate storytelling and her gift for finding depth in seemingly simple lives.

*November Sunshine: A Story of Grit, Girlhood, and a Name That Carried the Light*

Set deep in the hollers of West Virginia, *November Sunshine* tells the story of a baby girl born last into a family of twelve sons, just as her mother dies in childbirth. With a father who refuses to name her, and brothers left to raise her in a world that doesn't know what to do with softness, November grows up hungry—not just for food, but for tenderness, answers, and a sense of belonging.

Told in poetic Appalachian dialect and anchored by unforgettable characters, *November*

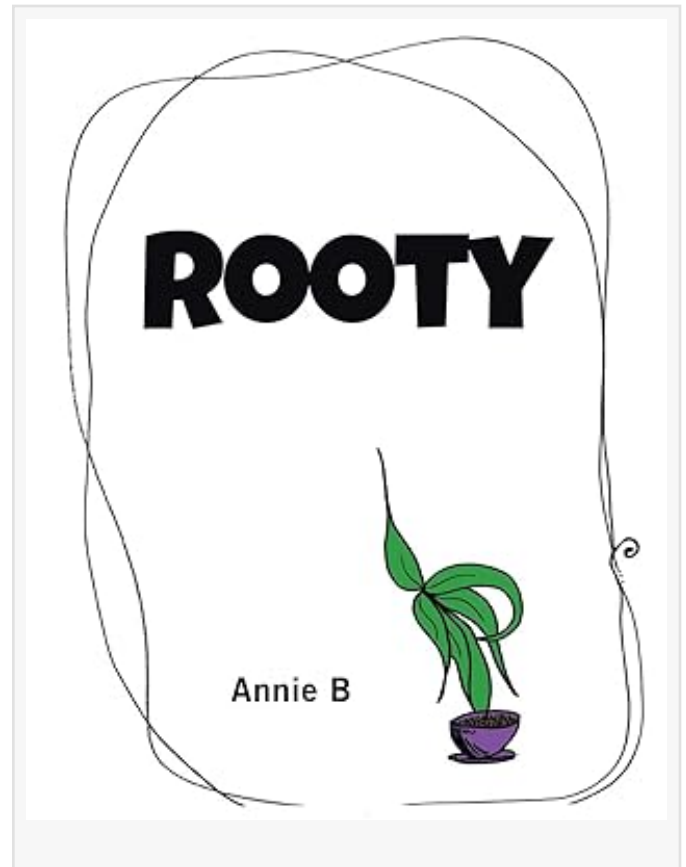


Sunshine is both a survival story and a love letter to women who endured too much with too little. Through hardship, silence, and unexpected bonds, November learns to shape her own identity—one step at a time, in muddy boots, with a heart full of questions.

This is not just a coming-of-age novel. It is a reckoning, a reflection, and a record of girlhood rarely seen on the page.

#### A Voice That Honors the Unseen

With *Rooty*, Annie Billups introduced the literary world to a new kind of hero—even in plant form—shaped by hope, memory, and the yearning to be loved. In *November Sunshine*, she expands that lens to human girlhood in its rawest form, capturing the textures of place, poverty, and emotional inheritance with piercing authenticity.



Together, these two books—one for children and one for adults—offer a deeply affecting look at what it means to be overlooked and to rise anyway.

#### About the Author:

Annie Billups was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, and lived a life as vibrant and varied as the characters she brings to life. From working in Hollywood and contributing to the WWII defense effort, to teaching for nearly three decades and embracing her Quaker identity later in life, Annie carried with her a deep compassion for the overlooked and unheard. Her books are a reflection of the dignity she saw in every life, especially the ones history forgot.

#### Availability and Contact Information

*November Sunshine* and *Rooty* are available in both digital and print formats via major online retailers. For purchases, press inquiries, review copies, or more information about Annie Billups and her work, please check the following channels:

*November Sunshine*: <https://a.co/d/5qGPw9g>

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