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Every morning, their school bus waits at an empty bus stop. Nobody ever gets on. Nobody ever gets off.

And Mrs. B refuses to answer questions about it. Strangest of all, it's Bender the bully who decides to investigate the mystery. But it will take all nine students to find out the truth, for each of them has a clue to the mystery that will change their lives forever.

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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 5–8—Nine very different middle schoolers on a bus route theorize why every morning Mrs. B, the bus driver, stops at an empty bus stop—no one ever gets on or off. Each narrator has his/her own theory about the mysterious bus stop. One day, clues start turning up and it's clear that they must work together to solve the mystery. Even though there are nine different perspectives, it isn't confusing or overwhelming to follow. Cheaney uses language that is simple enough to appeal to all readers. As the story progresses, kids will begin to understand each protagonist's struggles, hopes, and dreams and empathize with all of them. The community surrounding the bus route changes as the characters grow into their own. A great and fast read about finding yourself and making friends, that will be enjoyed by even reluctant readers.—H. Islam, Brooklyn Public Library

Review

"Cheaney effectively combines multiple layers of mystery with an uplifting message about resilience." - Kirkus

"A cast of charming, complicated characters whose lives intertwine in a series of surprising twists of fate. My only fault with this book was that it had to end." - David L. Harrison, award winning author of *The Book of Giant Stories*

"J.B. Cheaney should be famous for this book! Wrapped up in the mystery that drives this story, is a compelling tale of heroism and redemption that shows readers that you should never judge a kid by reputation alone." - A. LaFaye, winner of the Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction for *Worth*

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.."the overall story will draw readers in with the different narratives." - Mom Read It

"A heartwarming story of discovery, hope, humor, and mystery you're in for a fun ride!" - Karen Harrington, Author of *Sure Signs of Crazy* and *Courage for Beginners*"

""Somebody on This Bus Is Going to Be Famous" has that almost Harry Potter quality of being able to appeal to a wide age range of readers... Absolutely creative and refreshing book with enough cleverness to keep anyone entertained." - InkBitten

"I highly recommend Ms. Cheaney's "Somebody on This Bus Is Going to Be Famous" for middle grade readers who enjoy suspense and family/school stories. The plot and the writing remind me of authors such as Caroline B. Cooney (*The Face on the Milk Carton*) and Margaret Peterson Haddix (*Don't You Dare Read This, Mrs. Dunphrey*), so I would recommend it as a read alike for those, maybe for a slightly younger crowd, say fifth through seventh graders. " - Semicolon Blog

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"Weaving humor, family tragedies, former rivalries, misunderstandings, and childlike hopes and dreams together, Cheaney uses her characters' backstories to illuminate stereotypes and remind readers that each

person around us is an individual who can make valuable contributions in life. Each person is unique, and it is that very uniqueness that makes teamwork both challenging and rewarding. " - Redeemed Reader

"It seems so real and the author really captured what the neighborhood would be like." - San Francisco Book Review

"Cheaney's narrative style is dynamic and lively. She clearly has high expectations of her audience, creating a middle-grade reader with both substance and complexity that is also truly fun." - VOYA

About the Author

J. B. Cheaney was born in Dallas, Texas, sometime in the last century. In school her favorite subject was making up parts for herself in imaginary movies and plays. Too bad they don't give grades for that. Fortunately, her second-favorite subject was history. All that daydreaming and history-loving finally paid off with five published novels, the latest of which is *Somebody on This Bus Is Going to Be Famous*. She has won numerous awards for her children's books: : Booklist TopTen Best YA by debut authors, NYPL's Best Books for Teens; Texas Bluebonnet nominee, the Florida Sunshine State Young Readers award, the Indiana Young Hoosier list, and a Kansas Notable Book. She lives and daydreams in Missouri with her husband.

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From reader reviews:

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