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内容概要

Grade 1 – 3—A hearty woman named Lila lives on a cliff above the sea "far away from the rest of the world." For three seasons of the year, she works her fields. Clad in a navy dress, white pinafore, and head scarf, she sows sunflowers, picks beans, and collects apples. Her only companion is a curious striped cat. Then, during the long, cold winter, she sits by her fire. When her vegetables and applesauce run out, the dauntless Lila wishes on a star and finds a bag of flour on her doorstep the next day. Every time she runs low on food, she makes another wish and receives more flour. Although she could have requested riches, finery, or a grand feast, Lila doesn't. She saves her most special wish for the night before her birthday. She leans on her windowsill, peering out into the dark night, and asks for "two cakes and a tractor—shiny red—with a chauffeur." The no-nonsense tale is enhanced by distinguished watercolors that tell a hidden love story. The alluring tractor driver's farm at the base of the cliff appears on the periphery of Lila's solitary life in several illustrations. The subdued golds, greens, and blues reflect the story's gentle tone. Originally published in the Netherlands, this old-fashioned fable is reminiscent of M. T. Anderson's *Me, All Alone, at the End of the World* (Candlewick, 2005).—Linda L. Walkins, Mount Saint Joseph Academy, Brighton, MA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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