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From Publishers Weekly

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About the Author

Jamaica Kincaid was born in St. John's, Antigua. Her books include *At the Bottom of the River*, *Annie John*, *Lucy*, *The Autobiography of My Mother*, and *My Brother*. She lives with her family in Vermont.

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