



## The Year of Miss Agnes

By Hill, Kirkpatrick.

Aladdin. 1 Paperback(s), 2002. soft. Book Condition: New. (A School Library Journal Best Book of 2000) Ten-year-old Frederika doesn't have much faith that the new teacher in her remote Alaskan town will last very long, because most of them leave at the first smell of fish, claiming that life there is just too hard. But Miss Agnes is different, throwing away old textbooks, and teaching the children about their own culture instead. For the first time, Frederika and her classmates begin to enjoy their lessons but will Miss Agnes be like all the rest and leave as quickly as she came? Showing sensitivity to the region's native cultures, Kirkpatrick Hill's novel for readers 8 to 12 was singled out by the Smithsonian Institution and the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance. "Hill has created more than just an appealing cast of characters; she introduces readers to a whole community and makes a long-ago and faraway place seem real and very much alive. This is an inspirational story about Alaska, the old and new ways, a very special teacher, and the influence that she has over everyone she meets." School Library Journal 115.



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