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But Ebbotsville isn't the same as Liberty remembers, and it's not just because the top of Tanner's Peak has been blown away to mine for coal. Half the county is out of work, an awful lot of people in town seem to be sick, and the tap water is bright orange—the same water that officials claim is safe. And when Granny's lingering cold turns out to be something much worse, Liberty wonders if somebody at the mine is hiding the truth about the water. She starts to investigate and is soon plunged into a world of secrets, lies, threats, and danger.

Her searches for answers and justice lead to even tougher questions—should she turn to violence and end up like her mother? Give up her quest for the sake of keeping the peace? Or keep fighting until the mine is shut down for good?

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### Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up—Liberty Briscoe has to move from Washington, DC, to the outskirts of Ebbotsville, KY, because her single mom is in jail for a protest gone wrong. Liberty has to go to a new school during her junior year, and she knows no one her age. However, she is looking forward to living with her grandmother. Life in Ebbotsville is an adjustment. Granny is sick, there's a mountaintop removal mine nearby, and the water coming from the faucets is orange. Liberty struggles with taking care of Granny, keeping up in school, and living on food stamps. She is convinced the mine is the reason why Granny and most of the people living on the mountain are sick, no matter who says the water is safe for drinking. As she starts to battle the mine, which provides jobs for the people living in town, she finds that drinking the water is not the only dangerous thing she could be doing. Told from Liberty's point of view, the story starts slow but picks up the pace as the teen starts to take action against the mine. The secondary characters are distinct from one another, but the focus is on Liberty and her family. The author brings important environmental issues to light without being didactic. VERDICT Recommended for fans of Carl Hiassen.—Natalie Struecker, Atlantic Public Library, IA

### Review

This novel will appeal to a wide range of readers not only for its poignant topic but also for its protagonist. Liberty Briscoe is a hero of a narrator: intelligent, spunky, determined, and relatable. She and her grandmother are so well drawn that the reader cannot help but become emotionally invested in their stories. This humanizes the book's timely subject, as environmental issues, both local and global, occupy headlines and political debates. **Dig Too Deep** inspires readers to consider the necessity of environmental protection, the impact an individual can have, and the importance of trying to make a difference.

--VOYA

"The author brings important environmental issues to light without being didactic. Recommended for fans of Carl Hiassen." School Library Journal, February 2016

"Lib is a finely-drawn character, and the dialogue and pacing of this debut are strong." Kirkus Reviews, February 15, 2016

"Allgeyer brings rural Appalachia to life and shines a bright light on a troubling trend in natural resource extraction." Booklist, March 1, 2016

### About the Author

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