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A pretty little house is nestled in the countryside. As the seasons change and the years go by, the little house finds itself in the city, surrounded by elevated trains and skyscrapers. Salvation comes when the great-great-granddaughter of the original owner moves the home back to the country, where it belongs. Burton's 1943 Caldecott Medal Award winner is capably read by Hammond in clear tones and a steady pace. Background sounds, including chirping birds, crickets, and honking horns, complement the changing setting, while country-style music changes tempo as life around the little house reaches a hectic pace. Page-turn cues are optional; a door knock signals a page turn. This delightful read-along package includes a paperbound book and a bonus track featuring Burton's Maybelle the Cable Car. Preschool-Grade 3. --Linda Sawyer

About the Author

Virginia Lee Burton (1909-1968) was the talented author and illustrator of some of the most enduring books ever written for children. The winner of the 1942 Caldecott Medal for *THE LITTLE HOUSE*, Burton's books include heroes and happy endings, lively illustrations, and a dash of nostalgia. She lived with her two sons, Aristides and Michael, and her husband George Demetrios, the sculptor, in a section of Gloucester, Massachusetts, called Folly Cove. Here she taught a class in design and from it emerged the Folly Cove designers, a group of internationally known professional artisans. She is the author of many classic children's picture books, including *MIKE MULLIGAN AND HIS STEAM SHOVEL* and *KATY AND THE BIG SNOW*.

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