



By Milton Finley

Cumberland House Publishing, US, United States, 2003. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 168 x 106 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Before Martha Finley had completed the first six titles of The Elsie Books in 1876, she began a new series based upon the Dinsmore s Midwestern relatives, the Keiths. The resulting seven-book series, The Mildred Series, introduces Mildred Keith, their sixteen-year-old daughter. Her father, a lawyer by trade, had moved with his wife and eight children from Ohio to the frontier of Indiana in the 1830s (not unlike Martha Finley s identical journey as a girl with her family). At the end of the first book, Mildred becomes very ill with a fever and is slow to recover. Arthur Dinsmore Sr., Elsie s grandfather, travels from Roselands, his home in the East, to visit the Keiths. While there, he suggests that the southern climate at Roselands may be beneficial to Mildred s health. This is followed by the death of Elsie s guardian in Louisiana. Mildred travels with Arthur Dinsmore to visit Elsie at Viamede. In this way, The Mildred Books fill the reader in on some of the events of Elsie s early childhood before the Elsie series opens. Martha Finley has...



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