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"The book is (I hope) a hymn of praise to dogs, friendship, and the South," Kate DiCamillo said of that best-selling novel, which has been awarded a Newbery Honor, translated into nearly thirty languages, and turned into a musical as well as a major motion picture. The story of a preacher's daughter named Opal whose life is transformed by a scruffy dog named Winn-Dixie continues to touch the hearts of readers of all ages and boasts over 11 million copies in print worldwide.

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