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Big Rig

by Louise Hawes

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What's It About?

Life on the road with Daddy is as good as it gets for Hazmat. Together, they've been taking jobs and crisscrossing the US for years. Now Daddy's talking about putting down roots— somewhere Hazmat can go to a real school and make friends. Somewhere Daddy doesn't have to mail-order textbooks about 'nature's promise to all women.' Somewhere Mom's ashes can rest on a mantel and not on a dashboard. While everything just keeps changing, sometimes in ways she can't control, Hazmat isn't ready to give up the freedom of long-distance hauling. Sure the road is filled with surprises, from plane crashes and robo trucks, to runaway hitchhikers and abandoned babies, but that all makes for great stories! So Hazmat hatches a plan to make sure Daddy's dream never becomes a reality. Because there's only one place Hazmat belongs: in the navigator's seat, right next to Daddy, with the whole country flying by and each day different from the last. Award-winning author Louise Hawes writes with an easy, conversational voice and an 'I'll never grow up' spirit that cheerfully thumbs its nose at traditional coming-of-age narratives.

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Who Wrote It?

Louise Hawes graduated college with a degree in English Literature, but had a hard time finding a job as anything other than a waitress. She tried to serve coffee for awhile, but soon discovered that she wasn't good at and she also just really wanted to write. Since then, she has been a copywriter, an advertising director, a wannabe actress, and even owned a sculpture studio. Louise is the author of over fifteen books for children, teenagers, and adults. Now she and her 3 creative sisters pool their energy and enthusiasm for the artist in everyone by holding creative retreats



around the globe: New England, Sweden, New Zealand, and who knows where we'll travel next! You can learn more about Louise at www.louisehawes.com.

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