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Along the River Road

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About the Author

S. C. Ashby is an educator, writer and intrepid tramper who has just released her debut teen/young adult mystery novel. She splits her time between Little Rock, Arkansas, and San Diego, California, with her spouse and one cat.

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The sequel to *Along the River Road* is due for release in December, 2018.

Story Summary

Long and short versions with book cover graphic

Version A: Wordcount: 266

High school junior Cassie Nesler is a talented coder enjoying a seemingly idyllic life in San Diego, California, with her mother and step-father. An academically strong student, Cassie is an introvert with a skewed interest in coding. Her well-honed programming skills and laser-focused, problem solving abilities have opened doors for many math and coding awards as well as leading her high school's cyber security team in state competitions. This young adult novel follows Cassie as her life abruptly changes at the tragic death of her mother. Re-locating to rural Arkansas to live with her Aunt Jackie, Cassie gets to know her rural roots and Arkansas family. Still grieving her mother's death, Cassie and her two new friends, Dylan and Sofia, are intrigued by the story of a car accident that claimed the life of two Doddville High School seniors some 20 years earlier. The accident placed Cassie's mother under a cloud of suspicion as the driver who caused the fatal accident. The case was never resolved, and Cassie's mother left Doddville at the age of 17 to seek out a different life in the music scenes of Tulsa and Las Vegas. The three friends seek to unravel the mystery along the River Road with the hope that the truth will exonerate her mother and unburden Cassie's family. Combing through newspaper articles, accident reports, and her mother's journals and song lyrics, Cassie comes to understand her mother and her mother's life choices while gaining more knowledge about her own father. Through their efforts, the truth is uncovered, but the price paid might be too high for Cassie.



Version B: Wordcount: 229

High school junior Cassie Nesler is a talented coder enjoying a seemingly idyllic life in San Diego, California, with her mother and step-father. An academically strong student, Cassie is an introvert with a deep interest in programming and technology. Her well-honed programming skills and laser-focused, problem solving abilities have opened doors for many math and coding awards as well as leading her high school's cyber security team in state competitions. This young adult novel follows Cassie as her life abruptly changes at the tragic death of her mother. Relocating to rural Arkansas to live with her Aunt Jackie, Cassie gets to know her rural roots and Arkansas family. Still grieving her mother's death, Cassie and her two new friends, Dylan and Sofia, are intrigued by the story of a car accident that claimed the life of two Doddville High School seniors some 20 years earlier that placed Cassie's mother under a cloud of suspicion. The three friends seek to unravel the mystery along the River Road with the hope that the truth will exonerate her mother and unburden Cassie's family. Combing through newspaper articles, accident reports, and her mother's journals and song lyrics, Cassie comes to understand her mother and her mother's life choices while gaining more knowledge about her own father. Through their efforts, the truth is uncovered, but the price paid might be too high for Cassie.



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S. C. Ashby Short Biography

An educator, curriculum specialist, and lifelong learner, S. C. Ashby has been writing periodically throughout her life. Growing up in the OC 'burbs well before it was referred to as the OC (Orange County, California), S. C. Ashby lived about seven miles from the ocean and seven miles from Disneyland. Her dreams and imagination were fueled by mystery novels, science fiction short stories, Disney films, and NASA science. She believes that the power of reading and learning has the potential to make positive changes in a person's life. She enjoys writing about strong women in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and math) who are proactive problem solvers. She enjoys crafting a mystery story that provokes readers to new insights not only about the story's characters, but perhaps, themselves. She continues to challenge herself by addressing the complexities and diversity of life in her story themes while creating characters who struggle against the confines of society as they wrestle with their own anxieties, fears, and their unique humanity.



S. C. Ashby Shorter Biography

An emerging young adult fiction writer, S. C. Ashby enjoys writing about strong women in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and math) who are proactive problem solvers. She enjoys crafting a mystery story that provokes readers to new insights not only about the story's characters, but perhaps, themselves. She bides her time between Little Rock, Arkansas, and San Diego, California, with her spouse and one cat.

