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**Bailey White : Mama Makes Up Her Mind: And Other Dangers of Southern Living** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mama Makes Up Her Mind: And Other Dangers of Southern Living:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fun, Humorous, Clever StoriesBy Tigerlily64This is a collection of short, clever essays. Baily White writes with a keen sense of humor. Some of the material is out of date: recording on tapes, calculators instead of computers at the car dealer. Despite this, the stories hold their relevance. Some of the stories are better than others, but they are all worth reading. In fact, I would like to revisit some of them. This is a good

book to read a few chapters at a time. Each story is unique. The essays are written in the first person. The narrator, I presume, Bailey, is an elementary school teacher and events occur from that perspective. (The author was a first-grade teacher). A good many of the stories involve her mama. However, some of the later stories do not include her mother, at all. The essay "Mortality" tells of Bailey's attempt to buy a new car; her odometer stopped working at 300,000 miles. "Micanopy" is an example of her very imaginative 200-mile trip to a used bookstore. This is a relaxing book. There is nothing complicated about the writing; it is just decent, simple, but funny, prose. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good to read out loud By Sigrid I read this book to my 94 year old mother who is bedridden in a skilled nursing center and although she had some difficulty following the stories the tone of the author and the subject matter were very engaging and she laughed several times. I appreciated the author's ability to be frank about herself and her behavior and interaction with others. Her mother was a gem. I will try another in the future. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I really wanted to like this collection By Sam Cochran I really wanted to like this collection. I am fascinated by the rural deep South, but by about midway through the book I had had just about enough of the "aren't we just the quirkiest things you've ever heard of?" genre of literature. I managed to plow through till the end, but was left feeling the tales were ultimately shallow and not really that vivid. I'm thinking, perhaps these should be read one at a time with a few weeks in between, so it wouldn't seem that she's trying so hard. Maybe put this book on the guest room nightstand.

Welcome to the unique world of Bailey White. Her aunt Belle may take you to see her bellowing pet alligator. Her uncle Jimbuddy may appall you with his knack for losing pieces of himself. Most of all, you may succumb utterly to the charms of Bailey's mama, who will take you to a juke joint so raunchy it scared Ernest Hemingway or tuck you into her antique guest bed that has the disconcerting habit of folding up on people while they sleep. White's indelible vignettes of Southern eccentricity have entranced millions who have heard her read them on NPR. *Mama Makes Up Her Mind* is as sweetly intoxicating as a mint julep and as invigorating as a walk in White's own overgrown garden.

From Publishers Weekly White is known to fans of National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* for her endearing true stories about rural South Georgia where she lives and teaches the first grade. Her first book, which brings together some 50 of these short pieces, rich in humor and folksy charm, should delight her listeners, as well as readers new to her storytelling. Many of the selections deal with White's mother, who has never seen a movie as good as *Midnight Cowboy*, and other relatives and friends with similar eccentric wrinkles in their personalities. Other pieces are culled from the events of White's everyday life--gardening, her school's annual Christmas Party. First serial to *Boston Globe Sunday Magazine* and *Miami Herald Sunday Magazine*. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. Tucson Citizen, 3/26/09 "Pass the corn pone and enjoy." Columbia State, 4/19/09 "Funny essays...and White's mama...is amusing enough all on her own." Augusta Metro Spirit, 5/20/09 "A stunning display of Southern hilarity...Those in search of heart, humor, and intriguing characters could do a lot worse than the life of White." Bookviews.com, July 2009 "A celebration of the South...For fellow Southerners it will resonate with many memories of this unique region." Option, 8/15/11