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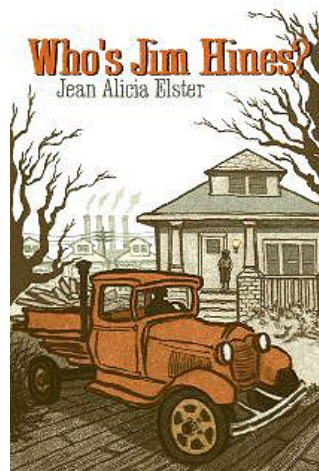
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PRESS RELEASE

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To celebrate the new title by retired lawyer, writing instructor, and now noted author, Mrs. Jean Alicia Elster, we are pleased to host a book release party for the book targeting middle grade readers on August 1, 2008 from 7-9 P.M.

Who's Jim Hines? is a coming of age story about a twelve year old African American boy, Douglas Ford, Jr.—as he comes to terms with the racial realities of Detroit, Michigan in 1935



128 pages \$14.95

Doug's father is the owner of the Douglas Ford Wood Company, and Doug usually helps his dad around the wood yard located in the side lot next to their house. But when Doug loses his textbooks on the way home from school one day, he's got to earn the money to pay for more books. And he does it by joining his father in the

backbreaking work of delivering wood to customers throughout Detroit and its suburbs. Doug, who knows all of his father's other drivers, sees this as his chance to unravel the mystery that he's never before been in a position to do anything about—discovering the identity of the only one of his father's drivers whom he's heard of but never seen: Mr. Jim Hines.

Based on a true story, the focus of the plot is on Douglas Ford, Jr. and the successful family-owned business, the Douglas Ford Wood Company—a scrap wood enterprise owned and operated by his father. Unique in the segregated Depression-era city of Detroit, the Ford family lives in a racially mixed community of blacks from the South and Eastern European immigrants.