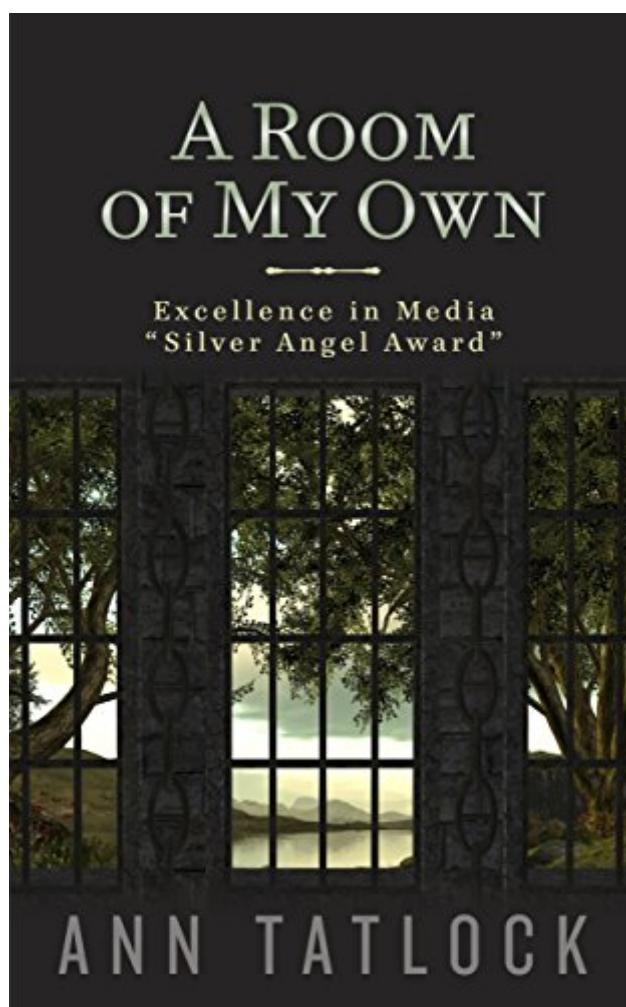


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by it. Sure, she hears her doctor father and his assistant talk about the news at meals, and she and her classmates raised money for a local mission to feed the hungry. But Virginia and her three younger siblings have everything they need, as does everyone they know. Surely, Virginia believes, things can't be all that bad. But then one day, a tattered man races to their door, anxious for Doctor Eide to come help a badly injured man. Virginia's father is led to a shantytown, dubbed Soo City in honor of the traintracks it's near. His eyes are opened to the true horrors being experienced by families who have lost jobs and homes. While Virginia's mother refuses to see, her father is determined to help Virginia begin to see a bit beyond their privileged existence. Soon father and daughter are making regular visits to Soo City. Virginia meets people such as the Everhardts, with baby Caroline and her two brothers; old Lucky, with his dog T-Bone; Mrs. Hunt with 15-year-old Lela, a dreamy teen with the same hopes as Virginia and her best friend Charlotte. She quickly begins to look forward to visiting with her new friends, also looking for ways she might help make their lives a little better. Then one day, Virginia happens to stumble upon some terrible information. If she decides to act one way, she may save the residents of Soo City; but if she acts another way, she may risk her father being injured or even killed. How can she ever decide what to do? Meanwhile, Virginia's Uncle Jim has lost his job and consequently the family home, causing him, Aunt Sally and their two sons to move in with the Eides.

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