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The Hideaway.

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Sara Jenkins is enjoying the busy life of a young entrepreneur running a successful antique shop in New Orleans. When her beloved grandmother Mags dies, Sara returns to Sweet Bay, Alabama, to the ramshackle B&B called the Hideaway that Mags and her quirky friends called home. Sara's hopes to quickly settle her grandmother's estate and return home are defeated when she discovers she has not only inherited the property but is charged with its complete renovation. As the new and improved Hideaway takes shape, Sara begins to discover the joys of life in Sweet Bay, including the attentions of a local contractor, and learns some surprising secrets about the grandmother she thought she knew. Denton's first novel charms readers with her idyllic settings and wonderful cast of characters, making Sweet Bay and the Hideaway places readers will dream about. *The Hideaway* is a deeply satisfying exploration of family, friendship, and the meaning of home.

— *Carol Gladstein*