

parties of Hollywood's Golden Age. When a doctor notices a pale patch of skin on her hand, she's immediately branded a leper and carted hundreds of miles from home to Carville, taking a new name to spare her family and famous husband the shame that accompanies the disease. At first she hopes her exile will be brief, but those sent to Carville are more prisoners than patients and their disease has no cure. Instead she must find community and purpose within its walls, struggling to redefine her self-worth while fighting an unchosen fate. As a registered nurse, Amanda Skenandore's medical background adds layers of detail and authenticity to the experiences of patients and medical professionals at Carville – the isolation, stigma, experimental treatments, and disparate community. A tale of repulsion, resilience, and the Roaring '20s, *The Second Life of Mirielle West* is also the story of a health crisis in America's past, made all the more poignant by the author's experiences during another, all-too-recent crisis. **PRAISE FOR AMANDA SKENANDORE'S BETWEEN EARTH AND SKY** “Intensely emotional...Skenandore's deeply introspective and moving novel will appeal to readers of American history.” —Publishers Weekly

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