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This is an upper-elementary youth novel by an author who grew up in East Tennessee and has lived for decades in Blacksburg, Virginia. This book has a Southwest Virginia setting and tells the story of Cassie, a girl who believes there are hidden treasures near the old house her family inherited from Great Aunt Twyla, and who is determined to investigate the situation thoroughly no matter who stands in her way.

Reeder, Carolyn. *Grandpa's Mountain*. New York: Avon Camelot, 1993. Reprint of a 1991 release. 171 pages. Trade paperback. \$3.50.

Carrie always enjoyed spending the summer at her grandparents' mountain farm in Virginia. But when she arrives the summer she is eleven years old, changes have occurred. The government wants to buy up all the nearby land to form Shenandoah National Park. Carrie's grandfather is unalterably opposed, but Carrie sees both sides of the issue.

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I believe it will be an early fall,
with a rain falling cold and slow
on the ripening tobacco
and what's already on the stick
out in the field.

This rain has brought my day's work
to a premature end.

My grandpa tells Daniel
that people are gonna be hurtin'
if the weather doesn't fair up
so they can get their tobacco housed.
Daniel knocks the dirt off his cap
and mumbles as he lights a cigarette.

The sky's dark all the way
back in the head of the holler,
and I know it's gonna rain a while.

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