

Advance Information
The Finn's Tale
Mike Horwood

Len Makinen tells the story of his family roots; of how his grandparents emigrated from Finland in 1920 and settled in America. In middle age Len suddenly becomes interested in his family history and the unknown relatives who live in Finland. He re-establishes contact and eventually travels to Finland to meet them, to see the village that his grandparents left and the land they worked on, to discover what his life would have been if he'd been born a Finn. In *The Finn's Tale*, Len recounts his experiences on that trip and what it taught him about himself. But *The Finn's Tale* is not Len's story: it's the story of the second cousin, Päivi, who he meets there ... and of much else besides.

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