

## Louise Kidder

I have lived and travelled in countries where there are water shortages and only bottled water is potable. I have therefore always felt fortunate to be a citizen of a country, a state, and a township where there is still sufficient water and the water coming out of my well is safe to drink. But I believe we will only be this fortunate if the DRBC protects our ground water from the devastating effects of fracking. The damage that fracking inflicts on ground water could turn our region into something resembling the third world countries where water is scarce and not safe to drink. We must respect and protect the earth, not fracture it.