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Sarah says

I thought this was a lovely book. Written in free verse that is mostly more like short text so it all just flows very quickly, this was a fairly quick read. Georgia's friendship with Tiffany, a girl who is everything Georgia is not (rich, athletic, popular, etc.) is a really nice solid center of the story. When Tiffany begins to not act like herself Georgia is worried but, realistically, not sure what to do. The other main part of the story is Georgia's development of her artistic skill, which she inherited from her mother and thus, she feels she has to hide from dad. An anonymous gift of a membership to an art museum provides inspiration, reflection, and artistic growth for Georgia. I really liked the parts of the book where she observes and thinks about the Wyeth paintings. I also liked the commentary about artists being observers. A solid thoughtful story, perhaps best suited for 6th grade or more mature readers.

Calle says

This book is very tuching and this girl must go through a hard time at home. I realy recamend this book to girls and lotsofpeople bacuseu will understand what people go through

The book begins when Georgia, an aspiring artist, receives an anonymous gift of a free membership to an art museum. Georgia's father has become emotionally withdrawn since the death of his wife. He works all the time, leaving Georgia alone in the afternoons with there dog. She begins visiting the museum after school, but never mentions these this to her father. Georgia's mother had been an artist, too, and Georgia feels that the memory of her mother's artwork would be too painful for her father. BUtshe finally does tall her father and he mad at first but then gets over it.

Emma says

Pieces of Georgia was so out there. There were so many things that were hard for Georgia but slowly and gradually her life becoming easier. This book had it's own sense of creativity and security when you are reading it. Pieces of Georgia was so real and lonely feeling but I think that's what made it so good because you felt it and could see the gears in Georgia's mind working. I think why I like this book is because there is a lot of artistic details and the problems that go with this book CAN be hard to understand but the way Jennifer Fisher Bryant made it was to see and really understand what Georgia did, wanted to do, what she couldn't and how she was stored up but couldn't release all her emotions because she didn't have that person to talk to.

I would totally recommend this book to anyone who appreciates art, or wants to read one of those difficult moment books,

Jade Rodriguez-Falcon says

I am reading the book *Pieces of Georgia* by Jen Bryant. This book is about a 7 grader who is writing in a diary that she got from her teacher and she has to write her feeling and how she write her feeling is letter that she is writing for her dead mother who got sick and passed away. She lives with her dad in a trailer. Her art teacher gave her this suggestion that she could send 5 or her best art pieces and they'll be judge by 10 judges. She has a best friend named Tiffany she said they are opposites but they get more along then her old best friend which she was out like a twin she said. Georgia and her dad don't really talk since her mother died. After a while she wondered what it was like to have grandparents because she never had grandparents so she saw her dad take this box from the shelf in their trailer with a bunch of addresses on it. When her dad left she took the box and look through the box to see if she can find her grandparents address to send them a letter to let her know that she is fine and alive but the address was scratched out. It came to the day where she had to submit her drawings so she down to their art teacher and they went over them. The art teacher summit them. After a while she made good friends with the nurse and she found out that she liked this letter that she got free membership to the museum and 10 percent off any item in the gift shop and then let it was name anonymous but she found out it was her nurse who gave her the letter because she found a copy of it in the nurses office. After she got the results back from her drawings and she won the competition after she receives the money she helped your dad out with a lot of things and her dad was able to take time off work and it will not work so much and since she won the money her dad and her became closer and she still wrote to her mother. I rate this book ten out of ten.

Christina Vega says

As it says on the cover," A Remarkable Book." Well, its true for many reasons. I love the quotes since they are something I feel I can relate to. For example in the text this is one quote,"When I get and idea that means a lot to me, I just bury myself in it. I can relate to that when I get ideas because I develop them and I really find a meaning to them. Anyways this isn't about me so lets get onto what the book is about. This book is about a girl named Georgia Mc Coy who loves art. She loves drawing and pastels because her mom WAS an artist. Georgia knows her mom is not with her but in this story it is her life she is telling to her dead mom. Her dad on the other hand does not always support Georgia for her creative art work since mostly it is hard for him not to remember his wife because they both love art. Georgia's struggles with this competition for a worldwide school that is based on art. It benefits her school like with money for art. In the text it states,"She clicked on the link at the top labeled winners and scrolled down slowly through names that were listed in alphabetical order, until!" To find out what happens next, read the book because I wouldn't want to spoil it for you. I would totally recommend this people who love art because there are quotes that are about art just like the one I stated earlier.

Daniella Hernandez says

This book is very interesting and its out going and I would to read more of it and I like how it Is in the beginning. I would like to see if there are more books of it .

Marisa says

Former CT Nutmeg nominee from 2010. Technology doesn't date this short book. It's written for the younger side of middle school but attempts to deal with some YA topics, but in a Babysitter's club type of

writing. Wished it was longer for a more developed art plot line.

Opening line for book talk: can a mystery envelope from anonymous change your life?"

Margie says

I love how Jen Bryant wrote this book (the structure). It's journal entries by a 7th grade girl, Georgia, who is trying to puzzle out events leading up to and following her mother's death - get "closure." I wish I felt comfortable putting this book on the shelves of my 6th grade classroom, but references to drugs and a friend who actually abuses Ritalin is not the best combination for my kids right now. Even though the lesson in the end is not to use them, I think my kids can choose to read this book at a later age. The drawings in the books are sweet, and I did love seeing Georgia grow into an amazing individual. It's a quick read and one I think many would enjoy.

Nena P says

Loved it- I have just the student that would connect with this book. I like the style- written in verse, and I like the narration.

Sophie P-V says

4th Quarter 4th Choice book

SPOILER ALERT

This book was pretty good! I loved how it was written, it was actually one fo my first books i have read in verse. So, the begging of the book starts out by introducing the characters, and giving ideas of setting, and situation. For example, the main character's name is Georgia, she lives with her dad (her mom died). They live in a trailer. Also, she meets with he school counselor, because she is on the "at risk" list at her school, because her mom died, and they live in a trailer. Also, she has a best friend named tiffany, who is in a lot of sports, and lives int he house development next to her. Georgia helps out on someone's farm, grooming and caring for a show horse, named Ella. One of the interesting parts of this book, is when she receives and letter for her birthday, in it is a membership tot he art museum. She loves it! she ends up going tot he museum almost everyday after school, and she loves to look at all the art! She also enjoys drawing very much and she is an artist, she even applies for an art grant. At the end of the book, a lot is revealed. She finds out the membership was from her dad! She finds out that she got into the artist's grant, (out of 400+ entries, and 100 winners were picked). We find out that she also got into this thing at her school, called the "Longwood School District Artistically Gifted Program" which is a big deal for her! That's how the book ends, on a happy positive note!

I recommend this book to people who like to read realistic fiction books, also this books is just written in verse form, but it's not to different that a realistic fiction. It was a great book, and the size was pretty good, only about a little over 150 pages. So this is a great shorter book. Overall this is a great book and a pretty easy read, defiantly recommend this book! loved it!

JoEllen says

I loved this book because it invokes a lot of emotion about a subject that is close to me right now. Very simple and easy to read, but sometimes the simplest things are the most beautiful.

Brittany says

Lovely. This book is very deceiving. On one hand, it looks like a tiny, cheesy middle grade novel, but it's actually powerful, emotional, compelling and filled with sophisticated allusions to art and culture.

Georgia is mourning the death of her mother, all while dealing with bullying, living in poverty and navigating middle school. The school counselor gives her a journal and the poems included in this book are the entries...letters to her mother.

This book is a journey with touches of mystery, stuffed full of lessons perfect for middle schoolers, and beautifully crafted.

It's astounding that I haven't heard of it before. Loved it. Can't wait to share with my students.

stillme says

Though I don't usually like novels written in free verse, or cliched poor orphans, I ended up loving this one. It ends hopefully without being cheesy or too neat.

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Madeline says

I absolutely loved this little book. It was really sweet and charming. It grew on me because it was written as a journal of this little girl trying to cope with living with her dad and missing her mom, and figuring out where she fits in. I absolutely loved that she was a little artist like her mom and the relationship between Georgia, her father, her teachers, her friends, and writing to her mom. I loved it because when my favorite Aunt, who I was really close to died, I wrote her letters for a while in my journal explaining how much I missed her and reminding her of my life, and I was even 19 when I wrote those. It was sweet the way the book played out and the form of it. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone, because it is about loss and being shy and making sure that you know you are worth something.

WARNINGS

Violence: 0/5

Drugs: 1/5 Georgia's friend ends up taking Ritalin to try to keep up among with some other "focusing" pills.

Sex: 0/5 There aren't references to sex. It is a sweet, simple book where sex hasn't reached the minds of these kids yet.

Alcohol: 0/5

Language: 0/5

Mrs. Fisher says

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