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Survival Strategies Of The Almost Brave



Synopsis

Survival Strategy #50: If You Can, Be Brave It's easy to be brave when your eight-year-old sister, Billie, looks up to you as her protector. Twelve-year-old Liberty feels it's her job to look after Billie once they are sent to live with their father, whom they haven't seen since they were very young. Dad is unpredictable on his best days, but when he abandons the girls at a gas station in the middle of nowhere, Liberty's courage is truly put to the test. As she and Billie struggle to make it home on their own, they encounter a cast of both helpful and not-so-helpful characters, including a man with caterpillar eyebrows, a lady dressed entirely in lavender, a tattooed trucker with a soft spot for cats, a kid who is a little too obsessed with Star Wars, and a woman who lives with a houseful of nontraditional pets. Along the way, they learn that sometimes you have to get a little bit lost to be found.

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Customer Reviews

12-year-old Liberty has always protected her younger sister, Billie, and takes her responsibility as a

role model seriously. When the father with whom the girls have recently reunited accidentally leaves them at a gas station far from their home, Liberty must summon every bit of her life knowledge and pluck to figure out their odd situation. Liberty is a competent list-maker, versed in animal kingdom trivia, and has had to be resourceful to navigate the last, painful months in her family's life. With humor and a clear understanding of young girls' emotional lives, White gives young readers a heartfelt adventure with a happy, but not saccharine, ending. I wouldn't mind seeing another Liberty and Billie tale...

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I can honestly say the cover/book jacket pulled me in and the story kept me going. I liked it from Liberty's perspective. I thought the author did a great job of describing Liberty's feelings and emotions through difficult situations, and still love. I liked the format of the book of each chapter being a survival strategy. Great story that I'm excited to share with the elementary age students I serve as a children's librarian.

Jen White has done an excellent job of portraying the love of two sisters! I was captured by Liberty's ability to calm her temperamental sister. To love her only the way a big sister could. It reminds me of the relationship that my daughters have. I thought it was so clever to name the minor characters by their "role" and not their given names. Lavender Lady had a much stronger mental image than "some lady" in a lavender suit. Well done Jen! Can't wait for the next one!

My 12 years old daughter LOVED this book. She was so involved in this book, she finished reading in a few days. It has fun, funny and very cleverly written parts. And the best part about it, it's CLEAN. It doesn't have all the "baggage" that so many of the tween books have in it with serious love stuff. It's just fun and upbeat, and your tween will enjoy it. ps: don't worry if they don't leave their reading spot for several hours, it's that good.

Good book for middle/high school. Not the most well-written, but it has a story line that most YA readers would enjoy. Plot comes close to dark at a few points, but works as a device to add suspense. No real shockers, but the characters would appeal to 6-10th graders. Better writing than Stephanie Meyers, not quite John Green.

After their mother dies, two young sisters are abandoned by their father at a gas station. From there, they go on a trek to return home, while meeting different characters and overcoming many

obstacles. The story keeps the reader involved in the story by introducing the different and very interesting characters they come in contact with during their journey. I really cared about the girls and how they were going to survive their ordeal. It was a real page turner.

Fantastic read! Each night I would read 2-3 chapters to our children (1 daughter, 1 son) and they loved it. They couldn't wait for the next night to see what was going to happen. Mrs. White is obviously a very talented writer. We hope her next book is already in the works. My wife and I highly recommend this book. Well done Jen!!!

A must-read for all Junior High school age students. Thought-provoking, informative, - a real page-turner! Survival strategies invite optimal discussion opportunities about real life situations to which students can relate.

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