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Martha says

In this over the top fantasy, young imaginative Polly Diamond discovers a mysteriously delivered gift placed at the front door, labeled "Special Delivery from the Writing and Spelling Department." The timing is perfect because her parents are just going to the hospital, her mother is about to have a new baby. Along with her annoying little sister Anna, Polly has a completely self absorbed baby sitter, who is supposed to be watching them. Polly is delighted when she opens her gift and finds it's an empty book for writing stories, her favorite activity! As soon as she opens it, and starts writing, the magic book responds with a "Hello Polly Diamond." She begins to experiment with requests to see how the book will respond. The book honors her request to make herself invisible, turn her little sister into a banana, and transform her home to that big house she always wanted, to name only a few of her many requests. The house becomes so big she is flummoxed, yet the requests continue from Polly, with extravagant responses such as rooms of books and libraries, series of doors that go on forever, and fish swimming in her wallpaper to name a few. She realizes her imagination has gotten the best of her in this fantasy where magical action continues to occur nonstop. The black and white collage and ink illustrations are whimsical and attractive. Kids who enjoy stories that are unbelievable will find this quirky series starter entertaining.

Lisa says

A delightful book!

Wouldn't everyone want a magic book? One that.....(no spoilers)

Polly loves words and writing and imagining things.
When she receives a magic book, what an adventure ensues!

A very cute and fun read.

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Carrie Gelson says

This is a real winner for students ready for the longer transitional chapter titles like Ivy and Bean. Full of magic, humour with a focus on the power (quite literally in this case!) of writing. Lovely, true to life family dynamics. Excited to include this series in my classroom collection.

Katie says

Thanks to the @kidlitexchange network for the review copy of this book - all opinions are my own.

“Today something amazing is going to happen.”

And so opens this darling early reading chapter book about the creative and imaginative Polly Diamond by Alice Kuipers. Polly loves words and writing. She loves writing lists and above all she loves writing stories. Polly’s family is going through some big changes – her parents are expecting a new baby any day now, which means Polly has to share a room with her little sister now. Ugh! Her house is clearly TOO SMALL (although her mom says it’s perfectly cozy)! One day a magical turquoise (her favorite color!) notebook appears at Polly’s front door just begging for her to write in it. This notebook may be exactly what Polly needs in her life right now, but she soon learns to be careful what she wishes for...

Oh, this one is SO cute y’all! It’s perfect for Kinder-2nd grade or so, and would make a fun read aloud but would also be easy enough to read alone, with varying fonts, short chapters, and wonderful illustrations (by the talented Diana Toledano) to break up the words. Polly is a super sweet child who loves her family and wants to be helpful, but isn’t afraid to express her frustrations, too! Highly recommend! POLLY DIAMOND AND THE MAGIC BOOK is on shelves now – I’m definitely going to pick up a copy of my own!

Barbara says

When aspiring writer Polly Diamond finds a book that makes everything she writes actually happen, she’s thrilled at first. But the book takes everything she says and then writes literally, which causes some problems, including her sister becoming a banana. The book misunderstands her use of certain words too, which causes frustration but also amusement; for instance, when she is hungry and wants a club sandwich, the book delivers two pieces of bread wrapped around a club, and then a card with clubs on it for its next attempt. The word play and confusion make the book funny and a good title to use to demonstrate to budding writers about the precision of words and what writers write. Of course, this is all over the top as things get increasingly crazy until Polly’s teacher, Ms. Hairball (!) arrives with the news that the sisters have a new baby brother. There are plenty of illustrations to add to the fun. I would share this with second or third graders since it offers some reading challenges but isn’t so hard to read that they’d become frustrated. They’ll like the glitter on the cover that seems to indicate there’s something special inside too.

Krystal B §Modest reader§ says

This book follows a little girl named Polly who goes on an adventure with a mysterious book she receives that can not only write back answers to her but can basically make a whole bunch of magical things happen

I rated this a 4 out of 5 stars overall for the following reasons:

What I liked:

I liked how the book starts off super positively. Characters had fun names like Polly Diamond and Mrs.

Hairball. I love that the book teaches you about similes, hyperboles, alliterations, & other grammar and language lessons while simultaneously making it fun. I like that the book includes names of other popular middle-grade literature for reference to the kinds of things the main character Polly likes to read. I do like that Polly has a vivid imagination and that it teaches children that it's ok to use your imagination.

What I didn't like about it:

In places, it went from one idea to the next out of nowhere and with no segue. I didn't like that everything in the book worked out so perfectly good. There was too much magical realism that I feel a middle-grade child wouldn't necessarily understand.

Would I recommend or allow my middle-grade child to read this?:

Yes, absolutely without a doubt I would allow him and even recommend him to read this book because overall I thought it was very well written, enjoyable and extremely fun to read!

***** I normally do not give out 5 stars for middle-grade books as a general rule, however, there are instances where I actually will give a 5 star to a middle-grade book but they would have to completely over the top wow me. That being said this was an arc I received by net galley in exchange for my honest review.

Alyssa Drake says

A cute, whimsical story about a girl who is dealing with the arrival of a new baby through the use of her imagination and a magic book, very imaginative. Perfect for younger children. I loved the subtle humor in Ms. Kuipers voice too, it made the story more enjoyable for me as well.

Kate Olson says

Thanks to the publisher for this review copy!

This is a sweet and magical story that is perfect for grades K-2 - it's intended for a young audience and would be a great read aloud for kiddos just starting to be ready for them, as well as a great beginning chapter book. The illustrations are adorable and I love the illustrations and lists sprinkled throughout the book. This looks to be a promising start to a new series.

Highly recommended for the early chapter book readers of the world, and for grade 1 and 2 classrooms and libraries!

That One Librarian says

Polly Diamond is a wordsmith. She. Loves. Words. When she discovers a book that can not only write back to her but alter reality, she begins to change her room, her house, even her little sister! Only some very clever writing can return her life to "normal" again. Polly Diamond and the Magic Book is the first in a planned series of transitional chapter books. Polly is biracial, though her ethnicity is never discussed in the text. As

Polly is particularly fond of words, she discusses similes, prefixes, and many other parts of speech. While it is clear that Polly is meant to teach about language in general, the book is still funny and engaging enough to be read without the grammar agenda. Sweet illustrations on every page in combination with the writing will remind readers of Ivy + Bean. Educators should note that a Common-Core Aligned Teacher Guide is available from the publisher. Recommended!

Ms. Yingling says

E ARC from Edelweiss Plus

Since my students have been reading a lot of Judy Moody, I am always looking for beginning readers that appeal to middle school students. I don't think this one would work for my students. A little too goofy (Ms. Hairball is a teacher) and young. Definitely investigate for elementary school.

Wendi Lee says

This is an adorable book about Polly and a magical book that grants her her wildest dreams!

Polly and her little sister, Anna, are going to have to share a room because their baby brother is about to be born. Polly thinks her house is too small and crowded, so when she finds the magic book, she wishes for bigger, better, and more fantastical things. But she soon realizes that her family (and house) might be perfect just the way they are.

It's a sweet chapter book filled with cute illustrations. I also loved Polly's imagination! I will definitely get a physical copy for my daughter, I think it's a book she'll enjoy when she's older.

Thank you to Chronicle Books and Netgalley for an ARC.

Lori says

By: Aurelia and Tasman (ages 6 and 8)

It only took us one day to finish reading Polly Diamond. It was a Friday in November and we were home from school for a PD Day. Mom read us chapter after chapter. We all agreed that it was a cool book and we would like to read it again soon.

At first, the book sounded very familiar – like Owl Diaries or Ivy and Bean, but once the magic book arrived, the story went in an amazing direction of its own – a fun-filled, dancing armadillo, sibling-rivalry, boring babysitter, club sandwich, chess-board floor and perfect house direction that kept us asking mom to read another chapter.

We really liked Polly herself. We liked ‘hearing’ her thoughts. We liked how she described her teacher, Ms. Hairball. We also liked how she didn’t panic when things went wrong. She was devious, intelligent, creative and more, but she also realized the importance of fixing her mistakes. Our mom is forever making us put things right and now we know why.

We laughed out loud at the list of “Names NOT to Call Your New Baby Brother” and at “Anna is a banana.” We groaned at everything about Shaylene, and we secretly wanted the magic book to come and help us with some renovations at our house.

We learned that writing can be fun and infuriating. We learned about how to choose our words carefully. And now we are attacking our mom's occasional word salad with a vengeance. We can't wait to read about more adventures of Polly and the magic book. Thank you for this wonderful story.

Kadie Hayward Mullins says

@kidlitexchange #partner

This charming story is perfect to read aloud or starter chapter book. Perhaps best for the 8 and under crowd, I do think slightly older children and whimsical adults would find this magical adventure equally enjoyable.

Polly Diamond's imagination comes to life when she receives a mysterious package in which a magic book is enclosed. Dealing with the arrival of a new sibling and the energy of little sister, Anna, Polly is enamored with her new book that can take her ideas and turn them into reality – from turning Anna into a literal banana and her 'aquarium blue' paint into an actual aquarium.

I particularly enjoy the love of language and writing interspersed throughout the story that gives a very subtle lesson to readers about grammar.

As Polly might say, it is "fantabulous!"

My 4 year old daughter says "it was a funny and silly story. I liked it a lot and it made me laugh!" Thank you to the @kidlitexchange network for the review copy of this book. All opinions are my own.

Aubrey Marie says

This ARC was given to me by Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. This was a super cute and fun book. Polly gets a new book that makes what she writes come true and she has an adventure with the book . I think this book will quickly become a favorite among teachers and kids. I will definitely be buying it for my classroom when it comes out! I absolutely loved it!

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