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In *New Girl in Town*, Liberty is settled in at the White House but off to a rough start at her new school. It's hard being the new girl, especially since she has to bring along a bodyguard. And do the other kids only want to be friends because she's the First Daughter?

New Girl in Town Details

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Karen Arendt says

A continuation of the Liberty Porter, First Daughter series. I really enjoyed this one. Liberty starts her first day at school and has to manage with a variety of responses the the president's daughter being in her class. A few lessons told and learned by other students about treating people, but not too preachy. Can't wait to see what comes in the next book! Hope there is more!

Sophie Riggsby / allthingsequilateral says

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First days of school can be very awkward when you're the New Girl. Imagine though, if you're not only the New Girl, but also the New First Daughter. Awkward time!

She's getting to know her new school as well as her new house -- umm, that just happens to be the White House. Both MundieTween and I loved reading how Liberty could go down to the chocolate shop in the White House and add chocolate to her lunch.

Liberty is quite a spunky, true-to-life character. While she takes a proper first day of school photo for the staff photographer, she's like most kids and makes a face when her dad (that's the PotUS) snaps a pic.

At school, Liberty finds life more awkward. During a field trip to the Smithsonian, she reflects on all the past presidents' portraits and the First Ladies' inauguration gowns. MundieTween and I enjoyed watching Liberty realize her own place in history. However reality isn't always full of reflective moments, it's full of this-can't-be-happening-to-me minutes, too. It doesn't matter that your family will play a significant role in U.S. history if you have to sit between your assigned Secret Service agent and the White House Head of Staff instead of by a new friend who asked you to sit by her.

Julia brings to life the moments of social awkwardness that most fourth graders experience in such a real way that my daughter and I found ourselves giggling over her predicaments. Another great story from Julia and yes, we're both looking forward to more.

Sheryl says

Gr 3-5—Liberty faces her first day at a new school in Washington, DC, and, like any fourth grader, she's excited and nervous about making new friends. Her welcoming and friendly nature backfires, however, when she won't join an exclusive threesome of girls in her class. One presidential-like speech later, Liberty points out that she can't be perfect but she does want to be friends with everyone who wants to be friends with her. This book ends with a playdate at the White House and a freeze-dance contest hosted by her parents. Liberty Porter is a spunky, winning girl with a deep love of chocolate and beanie dogs. She faces tough choices in her everyday life as the president's daughter and just another fourth grader. The young age of the current First Daughters, and an African-American Liberty pictured on the cover, make this series an obvious draw for kids interested in White House life. DeVillers keeps things on the light side, with plenty of presidential jokes. This is a quick fun read in which everything comes out right in the end. Black-and-white illustrations,

some full page, feature the people and activities in Liberty's life. Reluctant readers may be put off by the inconsistent chapter length, but overall a solid choice. Richelle Roth, Boone County Public Library, KY

Phylisha Stone says

Loved this book!

Faith says

LOVE IT AWSOME BOOK!!!

Abbycat says

I really enjoyed reading about Liberty, the white house, her pets, and her secret service agent. I liked the rooms in the white house, too.

Aubrieco says

I thought the book was great and I just love books about first daughters. The book is about a girl named Liberty, and the first day of school. But along the way she has to face some problems like how people call her mean things and how she tries to hang out with everybody or kids get mad. But also she makes some new friends along the way to. It sometimes it can be a little tricky to be the first daughter because you have all these responsibilities that you have to accomplish and treat everyone with fairness. If you want to learn more about the book.... then read it!!

Krithi says

Liberty Porter is going to a new school as 1st daughter. She is really nervous, but her classmates are really nice. Then there is this girl, Halower. She really wants to be best friends with Liberty Porter, but Liberty doesn't want to be only friends with her.

Alex says

I liked this book, I liked the characters. But some of it seemed unrealistic. For example, in the end everything works out after Liberty gives a speech about why she wants to be a good friend. Some of the dialogue doesn't sound like kids would actually say it also. Maybe it's because I'm thirteen, maybe not. I would recommend "Liberty Porter, New Girl in Town" by Julia DeVillers to kids between 2nd and 3rd grade!

Tanja says

The President's daughter gets ready for her first day in a new school and soon learns that it isn't always easy to make friends, especially when you are so famous. Not my kind of book but very popular with our third and fourth grade girls.

Emily says

These books (it's a series) have been popular at my library, and I finally decided to read one. I thought this was the first when I picked it up, but Goodreads informs me it's the second.

I understand the popularity. *New Girl In Town* is fun, easy to get into, and addresses both the things one might wonder about being a first daughter (do chefs prepare all your meals? What's it like having your own Secret Service Agent? What's the in-house chocolate shop like?), and experiences that are common to all kids in school situations, just maybe a bit amplified for Liberty (which table to sit at in the lunch room? When you have to choose one buddy for a field trip, how can you do it without making others mad? Why does everything have to be such a big deal?). DeVillers somewhat successfully (it can feel a bit forced) weaves in a number of facts about the White House, presidents and their kids, the Smithsonian, and Washington, DC. The excitement of Liberty and her classmates at seeing exhibits at the Natural Museum of American History seems a little over-the-top (having grown up in DC, I can guarantee that most local kids aren't particularly excited about seeing, for ex, inaugural gowns). In conclusion: yes, the book is fluffy (many sentences end with exclamation points, and the whole thing ends with an ice cream sundae party and conga line that includes the President and the First Lady), but Liberty's character offers some great examples of how to manage popularity and groups in elementary school (and of how pressured one can feel when in those situations), and I'll feel comfortable recommending this one to kids who haven't yet found it and are looking for something fun and easy-to-get-into (a good choice for reluctant readers).

Amber says

I picked this book up off my library shelf thinking that it would be something similar to talking about the fictitious life of a first daughter. I want to check out the first book in the series to see what it talks about in there. In this book, they mention the different people in the white house such as the security guard, the chief of staff, the executive office, and how the first daughter ends up going to school and what happens when she does go to school. It was a very interesting read for me to look at, and I enjoyed it, more than I thought I would.

Grace says

Best book ever!!

Joyah Mitchell says

It was a good book

Pam says

Very cute book for 3rd-5th graders!
