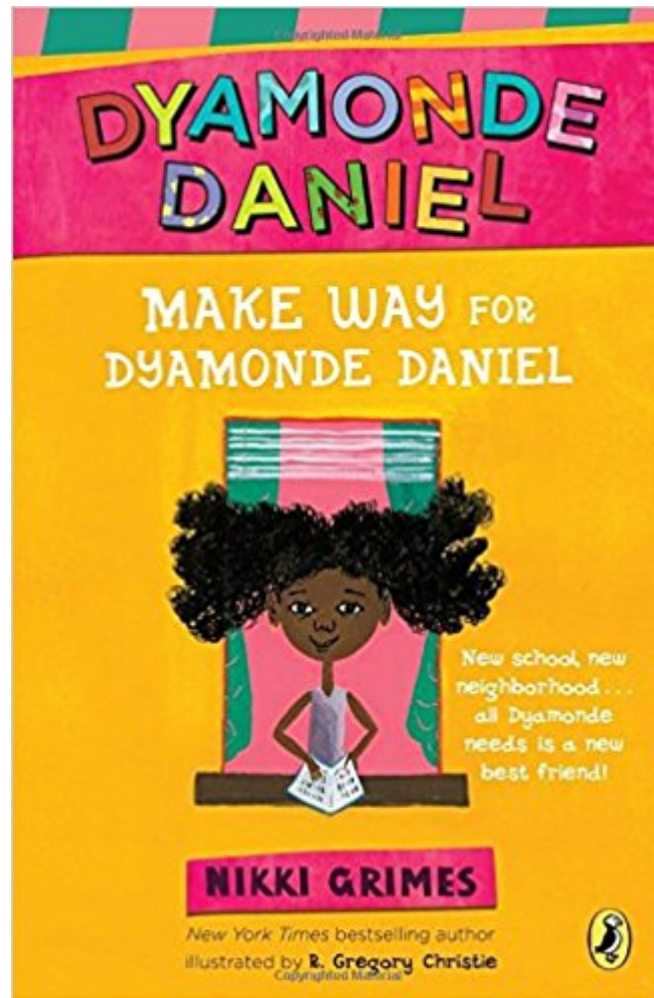




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Make Way For Dyamonde Daniel (A Dyamonde Daniel Book)



Synopsis

"Dyamonde, a third grader, has "wild-crazy hair," is "skinnier than half a toothpick" and is more than equal to the challenge of entering the crowded field of confident grade school heroines." —*New York Times* Dyamonde Daniel may be new in town, but that doesn't stop her from making a place for herself in a jiffy. With her can-do attitude and awesome brain power she takes the whole neighborhood by storm. The only thing puzzling her is the other new kid in her class. He's grouchy - but Dyamonde's determined to get to the bottom of his attitude and make a friend.

Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 9 years

Grade Level: 2 - 4

Customer Reviews

Grade 2 — Dyamonde, a third grader, is still coping with her parents' divorce and the subsequent move to a new neighborhood. She misses old friends and is trying to find her spot in a new school. When a new boy, Free, joins her class, she tries to be friendly, but is quickly shut down. What's going on with that boy? It's like he's trying to make everyone hate him. Dyamonde is a take-charge kind of girl who isn't willing to take "no" for an answer. Over time, the two African-American children discover common threads in their lives and gradually become friends in

Nikki Grimes's beginning chapter book (Puffin, 2010), the first title in a projected series. Read by the author with gentle humor, this delightful book will find an audience with the Junie B. Jones and Clementine set. —Teresa Bateman. Brigadoon Elementary School, Federal Way, WA (c) Copyright 2011. — Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Smart, confident Dyamonde sits in her third-grade classroom and wonders why she's been at her new school for weeks and still doesn't have a best friend. In walks Free, a new student who's so withdrawn and irritable that Dyamonde secretly names him Rude Boy. When plucky Dyamonde challenges Free, he begins to open up and slowly becomes a friend. Any child who is a "new kid" could benefit from contrasting the two main characters: Free tends to look backward to his old life and inward to his emotions, while Dyamonde looks forward to a new best friend and outward to the people and possibilities of her new neighborhood. Clean, direct prose and strong, clear characterizations make this an appealing early chapter book, while Christie's stylized, dynamic drawings give it a fresh look. A welcome addition to the steadily growing list of beginning chapter books with African American protagonists, this is a promising start for the Dyamonde Daniel series. Grades 2-4. --Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book is about friendship. First Dyamonde moved to another city without friends. Then there was a boy named Free...We recommend this book to third graders, especially kids who don't have many friends. It teaches good lessons, like how to make friends, what to do if you're sad and need friends and not to judge someone, because they might have something bad in their life. It also shows you that it's important to be friends with people who don't have friends. In our third grade class, we compared the characters in this book to those in *Because of Winn Dixie*. It was a great text to use to learn this important reading skill. We gave this book five stars because it helps people who are sad to get happy! (Written by Class 3A)

Love these books! Easy to read and funny!

My 7-year old completed the book in three reading sessions. She stayed up later, under the blankets with a book light, because she could not wait to see the ending. Her favorite theme throughout the book was Dyamonde's willingness to help the new kid, Free, adjust to his new

school. She liked the idea of one kid, with her own problems, helping another. The author Nikki Grimes handled the issues of divorce and separation incredibly well. The book sparked a discussion between my daughter and me about divorce. One of her friends at school is experiencing the difficulties of divorce. Dyamonde's experience helped to shape my daughter's understanding of how kids deal with this complex situation. The book, in the end, was a joy for my daughter to read, while helping her conceptualize some of life's complicated experiences.

This little lady is unstoppable. Even though she's young, she has pearls of wisdom from her own experiences with her family, school, and friends. She's a force that the new boy, Free, doesn't want to cross. Nikki Grimes teaches valuable lessons with this book. One lesson is you can NOT judge a book by its cover. You should always get to know about people, places, and things BEFORE you judge. This is a great lesson for young people to learn. Ms. Grimes did a fantastic job connecting this message in her story where children can relate. The discussion questions at the end were great!!

This is a very cute book with a good story. It's great for third and fourth grade readers. It's a story that a lot of kids will be able to relate to, whether they have personally experienced events like it or their friends have. I recommend this book for anyone with an elementary school or middle school kid.

I did do a lot of research before I purchased this book. My young friend is reading a book a week and writing a report. I was told her eyes lit up when she saw her books, which included "Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel (A Dyamonde Daniel Book)." I wanted her to have the entire series of the Dyamonde Daniel books. I thank you for writing this book.

My seven-year-old daughter loved this and has asked for more Dyamonde Daniel books.

This is my second purchase from this series. My daughter loves Dyamonde and all her friends. If the author reads these I'd like her to know that we need more Dyamonde!!

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