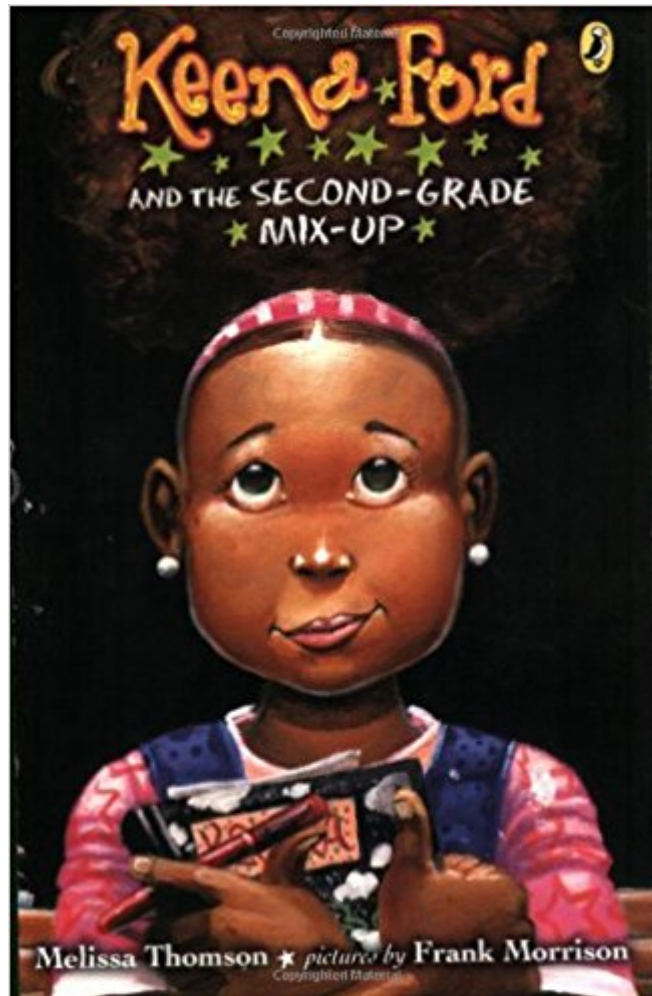




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Keena Ford And The Second-Grade Mix-Up



Synopsis

Keena Ford doesn't mean to be a troublemaker, but sometimes things get out of hand. Lucky for her, it's the beginning of the second grade and Keena's got a clean slate. So when her new second-grade teacher, Ms. Campbell, mistakenly thinks it's her birthday and brings in a huge chocolate cake, Keena realizes that she's gotten herself into a sticky situation. She knows she has to tell the truth, but it's not easy to turn down her very own birthday cake and a chance to wear a sparkly crown. How will Keena get out of this mess?

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Grade 1 • Set in Washington, DC, this story is written as a journal from Keena's point of view. She and her friend Eric are looking forward to beginning second grade, until they discover that there will be separate classes for boys and girls. Plenty happens in the first week. Keena makes a simple error in writing her birthday and allows the teacher to celebrate on 9/2 instead of 2/9. Eric brags about how much fun it is in the boys' class, and Keena sneaks in to check it out and is caught hiding under Ms. Hanson's desk. She faces some stiff consequences for her

mistakes, including being sent to the time-out room. Occasional full-page sketches show the African-American child, her friends and family, and her antics. The writing is good, but a spark of character development is missing. Keena's voice doesn't always ring true to a seven-year-old, at least not in journal format. This book may appeal to students who enjoy funny stories, but stronger titles about school situations are available. --Sharon R. Pearce, Longfellow Elementary School, Oak Park, IL Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"[Keena's] escapades and the way she handles them ring with an emotional honesty readers will recognize." -Kirkus Reviews

I have a 6 year old grand daughter who isn't always the perfect child in the classroom or dance class or well you get the point Lol. This book is wonderful in showing a child that has time out class in school but is a loving little girl . My grand is really enjoying this book and we already have the other book to read next. Also she doesn't like Afro puffs and this character wears it well. So it also is helping with my grand's self esteem . I do hope she forgets the part where Keena pinches the nurse at the doctors office lol

Keena was a good book but she did have a little bit of behavior trouble. One of my sisters could identify with that and would really enjoy the book but the other couldn't. All in all, a black girl lead is a win in my book.

My daughter loved this book as well as another Keena Ford book by this author! My daughter has autism and loves reading these books. She like the fact that the girl on the front looks like her and that she's in 2nd grade like her! She like to read each scenario and relate them to herself! These books get an A+ in my household!

This book is great, but if this is a journal, why is it private? If it was a diary, I would understand, but a journal? Anyways great book. Recommend this for any Diary of a Wimpy Kid fan. Or a first person point-of-view book fan.

My 7 yr old wasn't too excited when I showed her this book as this was her first chapter book! After I started reading and had her begin to read to me, she was totally into it! She and I had an awesome

time reading it! She even chose to read on her own instead of watching tv. So proud of her. She's now reading another Keena Ford book! I think this will be the beginning of a new love affair with reading!

One of 2nd or 3rd grade students' favorite. A must have in your classroom library!

Excellent books for my 1st grader who is going to the second grade. She can relate.

My daughter loved this and the story is amazing

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