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In Front Of God And Everybody (The Confessions Of April Grace Book 1)



Synopsis

If God wanted April Grace to be kind to her neighbors, He should have made them nicer! Growing up in the country is never easy, but it sure is funny—especially if you happen to have a sister obsessed with being glamorous, a grandma just discovering make-up, hippie friends who never shower, and brand new neighbors from the city who test everyone's patience. From disastrous dye jobs to forced apologies and elderly date tagalongs, you'll laugh until you cry as you read the Confessions of April Grace! Here are just a couple of April's thoughts: On her sister, Myra Sue: "How anyone can be that dumb and still be able to eat with a fork is beyond me." On senior citizen lovebirds: "What if they started smooching right at the table in front of God and everybody?" In spite of all the loony characters in her life, April Grace is able to learn from her parents as they share the love of God—to even the craziest of characters!

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Customer Reviews

I've been wanting this book for ages. It's one of the rare books that I buy and I'm so happy I don't have any regrets. This is a christian fiction book. I have not read one in a while. I've only read two in total so that's not saying much. Now before you stop reading because you read "christian fiction" let me just say that it's not that bad. There's only like one moment where if you weren't really religious and don't like to read about the stuff that you might not like. Other than that just think of it as a good children's southern read. April Grace tries to be kind to others like her Mama wants her to be but she can't help not liking her new neighbors. She hasn't had much great experience with new neighbors before. The last time she had a neighbor she met the parents and other family members of this nice girl she hung out with. Then they all started making fun of her right to her face. Ugh. You know when she starts off her story like that you know that her new neighbors are just going to be exactly the same. April Grace is a spunky girl who's always saying funny things whether anyone else agrees. She's very smart and quick witted. She was a pleasure to read about. Her new neighbors on the other hand... The man, Ian, seemed to become a better person but his wife, Isabel, just kept on being her rotten self. April Grace's mother is a saint. She's always talking about being nice. She goes so far as letting the new neighbors live at their house while they are fixing up their home. Ian is originally pretty rude especially to his wife. They both fight a lot but he gets better as the book progresses. Isabel was a former dancer and she can't stand the country. She really just wants to go home but that's impossible and I wish she'd just get over it. She's this skinny little thing that hardly eats. She's always rude to April Grace's family. I don't know how her mother can stand it. I would have thrown her out when she first criticized my cooking. You are a guest at someone else's home. Act like it. April Grace's sister, Myra Sue, worships the ground that Isabel walks on. She's just so glamorous... She gets an even bigger attitude when Isabel starts staying over. I couldn't stand both of them together. They needed to be separated as well as her grandmother and her new boyfriend that April Grace knew was no good. She tried telling everyone but would they listen? No. Her mother doesn't like her attitude either. She keeps on talking about being nice but April Grace is realistic and once again because she's just a kid she isn't taken seriously. April Grace's life is just one crazy drama after another. Her life feels like a soap opera. I love watching soap operas so it's a good fit for me. I really want to read more of her. I want to read what happens next. The ending was amazing and I want to read how the author tops this book. I haven't read many southern family books. This was a real treat. It gets serious towards the end and I like that. It was a fun read but it deals with real life situations. I think a lot of girl's will like reading about April Grace like I did. It's a family values type of book but with April Grace it feels like a book that's perfect for anyone.

I cannot believe how much I LOVED In Front of God and Everybody. A friend of mine recommended the book, and I am so glad she did. The book is categorized as Young Adult/Teen, but believe me, adults will enjoy this charming story just as much. You will be drawn into the story from the first chapter. April Grace is a 11-yr old firecracker whose story makes you laugh out loud. She is a proud-to-be-from-the-country girl who does not understand why anyone would want to live any other way. Her family consists of her loving parents who try to be friends to everyone, her sister MyraSue, April Grace's exact opposite, who thinks city life is glamorous, and her Granny who I am pretty sure is where April Grace gets her spunk. The story begins with the arrival of the new neighbors, Ian and Isabel. Ian grew up in the area and moved his city wife and him from California to the Ozarks so he could return to his roots. Other neighbors consist of Temple and Forest who are hippies that April Grace is sure never shower. Lastly, Granny has a new boyfriend, Mr. Rance. You can only imagine what her favorite granddaughter thinks about that! K.D. McCrite does a wonderful job of introducing the cast of characters, developing them, and describing the Ozarks locale. Growing up in the '80's, I especially enjoyed all the little mentions of music and TV from the era. Reading the confessions of April Grace will not only put a smile on your face but also in your heart. I have read all three books in the series. They are all fantastically funny.

I loved this book. It was really interesting, I was never bored or lost. I'd recommend "In Front of God and Everybody" to girls around 9 to 13..... I'm twelve and I loved it. It's a really fun read and if you get it you'll probably love it! Plus I got it for about a dollar so that's great too ;)

I read this book a year ago and loved it. It is slap your leg funny, written in true to life language, and has a good message without being sappy. I enjoy reading good books aloud to my mother when we get together for lengthy visits and this is the one I'm going to be reading her next. I'm looking forward to reading more books by this author.

To tell you the truth, I was prepared to give this book 3 stars because I think some of the plot points drag on a little and then end up with a seemingly speedy and overly neat resolution. Then, I decided I quite like that in a book. It's nice to not have everything you read be totally depressing. The book is told from the point of view of preteen April Grace who, as a narrator, can get under your skin a bit. I can overlook that bit of irritation, though, because she has an important revelation AND because she genuinely cares for the other members of her family. As a country girl myself, I think that some character reactions (Isabel's at times) were overwrought, but other parts were spot on. Not my

favorite plot, but the story is easily carried by excellent pacing and a strong voice. While some of the characters irritated me at the outset, I grew to love all of them--but one--by the end. My favorite character? Grandma. In general this is a well written character-driven piece of southern fiction. I enjoyed it, and my hat's off to the author.

I enjoyed reading this, really i did but...yea i know theres gotta be a but in there. I guess being raised in the country i just kept comparing my parents and the situations that the characters were put in and how they delt with them & how we would of delt. And i can only say that our family wouldn't put up with that crap. I know it's just a book, and i shouldn't read into it too much, but if it's suppose to be about life, lessons & messages then great, but life is not always a field of butterflies and puppies either. It's great that April Grace's parents r truly that nice, but c'mon it's just not realistic that when inviting strangers into your house and they are disrespecting u in your own house lay down the law or get out. All in all a better read for teen or pre-teen.

I thought it wa a great book! A page turner, I didn't want to put it down.

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