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# George



## Synopsis

BE WHO YOU ARE. When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte -- but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.

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## Customer Reviews

This book was so good. I feel like it should be mandatory reading for younger children, to help expose them to literature about transgendered people. These kinds of books will let kids know it's okay to be who you are, as the first line in the summary says. I gave this 5 out of 5 stars. I read this book for #ReadProud. I ended up reading it in one day, because I didn't want to put it

down and it's a pretty short book. I'd heard some great things about this book, and they were definitely all correct. George is such a great main character. I felt for her while she tried to let the world know that she was a girl, not a boy. Her story touched my heart, and I'm sure it'll touch your heart too! First off, I really love Kelly, George's best friend. Kelly was always there for George and didn't judge her like a lot of other people did in the story. Kelly encouraged George to try out for Charlotte's part in the play, and even helped George be Charlotte after the teacher said no. Kelly encouraged George to embrace being a girl in other ways as well, and I have to say bravo to Kelly's character. If it wasn't for her, it might have been harder, and taken George longer, to embrace her true identity. George's mom kind of annoyed me for most of the book. She kept dismissing George's words, kept dismissing George when she tried to tell her mom that she wasn't a boy. She comes around towards the end, but I feel like she's going to take a while to come to terms with this. I wish more parents were accepting of their children, no matter what. George's dad isn't really in the picture, and we only hear mentioning of him a few times. George's brother Scott was a pretty great character overall.

This review originally appeared on [herestohappyendings.com](http://herestohappyendings.com) I heard about this book back when it first came out, probably about a year ago now, and while I was intrigued, I don't read as much middle grade fiction as I do young adult, so I never really bothered to pick a copy up until I saw it was on sale for \$2.99 on for Kindle. When I saw that, I wasted no time grabbing my copy of it, and instead of being one of those books that I let sit in my Kindle library and end up forgetting about, this one nagged at me until I decided to read it. Let me stress that while this technically is a middle grade novel, I believe that it is a novel that everyone should read. It's sweet, it's funny, it's heartbreaking, and it's thought provoking. It will make you go back to your own childhood and wonder what you would have done if you were in George's shoes, or her friend Kelly's shoes. •George stopped. It was such a short, little question, but she couldn't make her mouth form the sounds. Mom, what if I'm a girl? •George is a girl in middle school who is struggling with her identity - she knows who she is, but she can't tell anyone - including her mother, who she doesn't believe would understand. So she hides in her room, looking at magazines that she's found over the years, full of make-up tips, hair advice, and models that she refers to as her friends. She keeps them hidden inside a denim bag in her closet so that no one can find them. To her mother and older brother, George is just George - a son and a little brother. George's father rarely sees her, so she doesn't feel the need to even consider discussing it with him. But when George is alone, she refers to herself as Melissa, which is the name she has picked for herself.

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