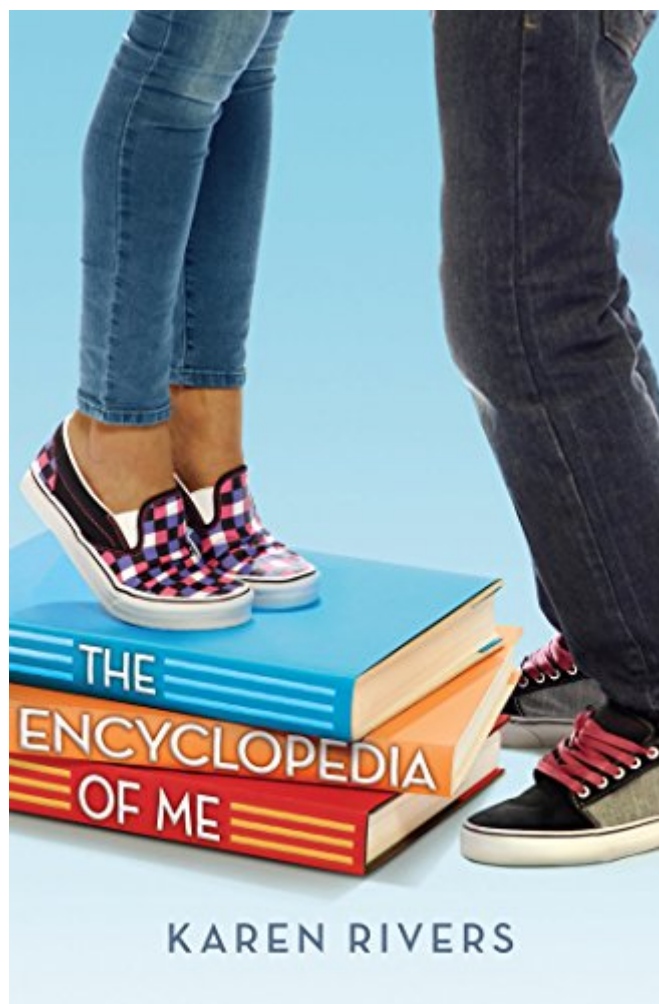


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The Encyclopedia Of Me



Synopsis

A is for "Tink Aaron-Martin," "Aardvark," and "Amazing" in this wonderful alphabetical novel! Tink Aaron-Martin has been grounded AGAIN after an adventure with her best friend Freddie Blue Anderson. To make the time pass, she decides to write an encyclopedia of her life from "Aa" (a kind of lava--okay, she cribbed that from the real encyclopedia) to "Zoo" (she's never been to one, but her brothers belong there). As the alphabet unfolds, so does the story of Tink's summer: more adventures with Freddie Blue (and more experiences in being grounded); how her family was featured in a magazine about "Living with Autism," thanks to her older brother Seb--and what happened after Seb fell apart; her growing friendship, and maybe more, with Kai, a skateboarder who made her swoon (sort of). And her own sense that maybe she belongs not under "H" for "Hideous," or "I" for "Invisible," but "O" for "Okay." Written entirely in Tink's hilarious encyclopedia entries, THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ME is both a witty trick and a reading treat for anyone who loves terrific middle-grade novels.

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Customer Reviews

Middle school librarians would be wise to add *The Encyclopedia of Me* by Karen Rivers to their shelves this fall. The book is, in a word, awesome. This memorable chronicle of one almost-thirteen-year-old girl's summer leading into her eighth grade year makes footnotes fun and reminds readers that the coolest thing to be is yourself. Tink Aaron-Martin has decided to write a book called *The Encyclopedia of Me*. True to its title, the book includes detailed entries about all sorts of things, arranged in alphabetical order. As Tink leads us through her life from A to Z, we get to know her brothers (see *Aaron-Martin, Sasha Alexei (Lex)* and *Aaron-Martin, Sebastian (Seb)*), her father, her mother, her best friend (see *Anderson, Freddie Blue*), her worst enemies, and her new neighbor (see *Boy, Blue-Haired, Who Just Moved in Next Door*). This is a great coming-of-age story. Tink makes it through a realistic mix of serious and not-so-serious dilemmas, ranging from wiping out while skateboarding to having your first crush to surviving an embarrassing birthday party. She also has to deal with older brothers: one of them is stinky, the other autistic. Tink is often called the Peacemaker in her typically chaotic household. Though her family often frustrates her, she does love them. As she comes to realize things about her best friend, her family, and her future, she takes the time to appreciate what she has and who she is, and she's not afraid to stand up for the people she cares about, or for herself. Tink tells it like it is. Though she sometimes holds her tongue when her best friend does something she thinks is phony or out-of-character, she's always honest with herself, and honest in her narrative. She's a very reliable narrator.

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