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Flickering Hope (Faithgirlz / From Sadie's Sketchbook)



Synopsis

Can You Ever Trust the Enemy? Things finally seem to be falling into place for Sadie. Bear season is over, and her relationship with her art teacher is on the mend. Her home life is going better than ever, and even her enemy, Frankie, wants to be friends. But can Frankie be trusted? Ruth and Andrew think she's spying for her father, helping him find a way to capture Sadie's favorite bear. But Sadie suspects something else is going on with Frankie. She must decide who to trust and find out if—and how—her growing faith can get her through.

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

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Customer Reviews

STARRED REVIEW: 'Kinsman offers a realistic and nuanced rendering that works for readers who want to know about the role of Christian faith in a young person's development, as well as those who like a fresh story about the journey of growing up.' (Publishers Weekly)

Naomi Kinsman has always dreamed of plunging into a fiction world, like Lucy does in *Voyage of the Dawn Treader*. In Naomi's first career, acting and directing for the theater, this dream was inches from her reach. But writing has made the dream possible, and now Naomi regularly slips into book worlds and shares her adventures through her company, Society of Young Inklings, dedicated

to empowering young writers across the country. Naomi is the author of the 2009 Moonbeam Gold Medal winner, *Spilled Ink*, and she has written and directed over 50 plays for young audiences. She lives in Northern California with her husband and identically colored pets: a tuxedo cat and a Portuguese water dog.

I bought the first two books of this series, hoping that they would encourage her to read more. She finished the first two in a few days and asked me to order more. She is twelve and enjoys reality based fiction more so than fantasy. These were definitely a good fit, with moral thoughts intertwined in the storyline.

Purchased for my granddaughters and just for fun started reading. Well written, moves along fluidly, captures imagination. Granddaughters will enjoy. So did Grampa!

After reading the first book in this series titled "Shades of Truth" I was excited to continue the series and I must say this book didn't disappoint. This story starts out with Sadie her family and her friend Ruth attending Thanksgiving dinner at the research cabin with Helen and her son Andrew. After dinner they decide to take a hike to check on the bear den and see a disheveled girl in the woods very close to the bear den. When they decide to follow her they realize that she and her family are living in a run down shack close to the bears den. Will this put the bears in danger? Who is the girl and her family and why are they living in the woods? I have enjoyed seeing Sadie's character grow and change with this book. Her feelings for Andrew are starting to change, but hoping for more could ruin their friendship. She still has her worries over her mother's health, she also wonders how much longer her father's job will last in Michigan. It was also interesting to see how someone whom Sadie considered an enemy could change and become her friend. Overall this is a great continuation to the series. This book is geared toward girls seven and older, and I could easily imagine that girls would easily connect with Sadie and her friends. The issues that Sadie faces, such as making new friends, dealing with her mother's health as well as continuing to grow in her faith are things that are very easy to relate to, especially for the intended age the book is written for which is seven and older. I enjoyed reconnecting with familiar characters and watching them grow throughout the story. I have really enjoyed this series and look forward to reading the next installment. A complimentary copy of this book was provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Sadie sets off to check on Patch. She knows Frankie's dad, Jim, wants to get rid of Patch, so she has to be careful and cover her tracks. Jim thinks Patch is a problem to be taken care of, but Sadie thinks of her as a pet. While she is out there, she runs into a young girl. Her family is living in a shack in the woods. The girl swears her to secrecy or she will expose Patch. Secrets have a way of coming out. She loves visiting Helen and Andrew. Helen studies the bears. Sadie likes Andrew, she has a crush on him. Secrets. Andrew's secret. Frankie's secret. Frankie is her enemy or is she? Does she want to be friends? The girl in the woods says everything will be great if they find the bear. My bear? Won in a Goodreads First Read Giveaway. A children's book. Picked it up to read because the cover and title made it look like a fun, easy read. A short book to just relax with and enjoy a fun romp through Sadie's mind. I could just imagine what the gravy looked like with all the different food colors added - olives on their fingertips, playing as if they were finger puppets. A nice story about a girl questioning life's reasons, God, friendship, faith. Fighting for what she believes in and never giving up. I could feel empathy with the characters and thought the story covered the problems and confusion that all kids go through. It was well written and the story is something that kids can relate to. All the wonderful things that involve the holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Does it bring back memories? The gift of giving, friendship and loyalty. Flickering Hope (Faithgirlz! / From Sadie's Sketchbook)

2nd in a series "Sadie learns about the nature of God and his love when she works to help save one of the local bears and becomes friends with her worst enemy." This is a charming story with a lesson to be learned. Young girls should love this story. I won this from Goodreads.

This is just a gem of a story. It is a really cute children's novel. I would recommend it to any young girl or young adult.

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