

Scholastic Book Fairs Book Review

Philippa Fisher's Fairy Godsister

Written by Liz Kessler

Grades 4 & Up

Fantasy & Science-Fiction

240 pages

When her best friend Charlotte moves away, eleven-year-old Philippa Fisher feels like nothing will ever be right again. The afternoon before Charlotte leaves, the girls make a daisy chain to remember each other by. Searching for the best and freshest daisies, Charlotte sees one that seems to bend towards her, willing her to pick it. She even thinks the flower might have smiled at her. She picks it and feels a charge run through her body. In her head Charlotte knows there are no such things as fairies or magic but her sad heart wants to believe that this flower might be a fairy in disguise.

It turns out that Charlotte is right. "Daisy" is a fairy godmother sent to protect her when she needs it most. Since Daisy is in girl form and supposed to be the same age as Charlotte, the girls decide that "godsister" might be a more appropriate term. Daisy grants Charlotte three wishes but after the first two wishes don't have the desired results, Charlotte realizes that Daisy has given her something that has nothing to do with wishes or magic: Charlotte can now be herself and face the world with confidence.

More about this book...

Philippa is believable as a pre-teen navigating the difficulty of middle-school friendships and embarrassing parents. The messages of "being careful what you wish for" and "being true to yourself" are delivered with a humorous touch. Liz Kessler is the author of the popular *Emily Windsnap* series.

CONTENT

Supernatural, bullying, adult situations, magic

CONTAINS MATURE SUBJECTS/LANGUAGE THAT ARE MORE SUITABLE FOR OLDER READERS

