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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 4–7—Two best friends build a fort in the woods and defend it from bullies in this fun, old-fashioned story that manages to be fresh and familiar. Wyatt is enjoying the freedom of a summer with his dad in upstate New York. His friend Augie lives there year-round and has many useful skills that include killing squirrels with a slingshot and cooking them over a fire. There are the expected bullies, two older boys named J.R. and Morrie, and an unexpected friend named Gerard, a socially isolated teenager with developmental disabilities. The two friends spend rapturous days building their fort, looking at a car company's girlie calendar, and other country-boy activities unimpeded by smartphones or YouTube, since Wyatt's father doesn't want him plugged into a screen all day. In a low-stakes climax, the two bullies try to destroy the boys' fort but are foiled by an ingenious series of booby-traps. The moral center of the novel revolves around Wyatt and Augie discovering how J.R. and Morrie are mistreating Gerard and how after some hesitation, they find in him a valuable ally. There is a touch of burgeoning sexuality, mostly as Wyatt notices and appreciates Augie's aunt's figure, but otherwise the tone of the novel is remarkably innocent without being cloying or unrealistic. There is a good balance of action and description and well-developed characters, though the bullies are a tad two-dimensional. VERDICT A boy-centered adventure with heart, appealing to a variety of readers.—Kyle Lukoff, Corlears School, New York City

Review

“Classic summer adventure . . . DeFelice doesn't shy away from the gritty realities of outdoor life, and that's what sets the book apart . . . Readers will appreciate the reminder that fun like this is still possible.” ?*The New York Times Book Review*

“What preteen . . . wouldn't love to build a fort in the woods? DeFelice makes that dream come true . . . [and] leads to a glorious, feel-good climax in which all the right things work out and the bad guys get their richly deserved comeuppance . . . Upbeat, engaging and satisfying; altogether . . . a bit of believable, achievable adventure.” ?*Kirkus Reviews, starred review*

“DeFelice smoothly advances the plot to a satisfying climax and conclusion . . . for this adventuresome, good-hearted, but never goody-goody pair. Wyatt is a sympathetic narrator with a realistic blend of thoughtfulness and daring.” ?*Publishers Weekly*

“Stuffed full of clever pranks and summertime nostalgia, this is a story of kindness and adventure . . . A boisterous and poignant coming-of-age tale.” ?*Booklist*

“A boy-centered adventure with heart, appealing to a variety of readers.” ?*School Library Journal*

“Thoroughly enjoyable.” ?*VOYA*

About the Author

Cynthia DeFelice is the author of many bestselling books, including *The Ghost of Fossil Glen*, *Signal*, *The Missing Manatee*, and *Weasel*. Her books have been nominated for an Edgar Allan Poe Award and listed as American Library Association Notable Children's Books and Bank Street Best Children's Books of the Year, among numerous other honors. She lives in upstate New York.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Donna Jennings:

Spent a free time and energy to be fun activity to do! A lot of people spent their leisure time with their family, or their friends. Usually they accomplishing activity like watching television, gonna beach, or picnic from the park. They actually doing ditto every week. Do you feel it? Do you wish to something different to fill your current free time/ holiday? Could possibly be reading a book could be option to fill your no cost time/ holiday. The first thing that you'll ask may be what kinds of e-book that you should read. If you want to try look for book, may be the publication untitled Fort can be good book to read. May be it might be best activity to you.

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