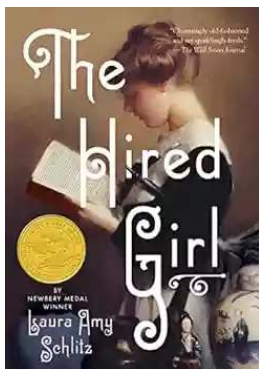


The Hired Girl: A Remarkable Tale for Older Readers - An Ala Notable Children's Book

When it comes to finding a captivating story that appeals to older children, it can sometimes be daunting. However, "The Hired Girl" is a remarkable tale that is sure to captivate readers of all ages. This Ala Notable Children's Book has received critical acclaim for its thought-provoking narrative, relatable characters, and brilliant storytelling.

Set in 1911, "The Hired Girl" follows the journey of fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs, a determined and ambitious young girl. Joan escapes her bleak life on a farm in Pennsylvania and moves to the bustling city of Baltimore, hoping to find opportunities and pursue her dreams. Armed with her passion for literature, Joan takes up a position as a hired girl to a wealthy Jewish family.

Throughout the book, Joan's character develops in unexpected ways as she navigates the challenges of being a young woman in a rapidly changing world. Her encounters with multiculturalism, religious differences, love, family, and self-discovery shape her perspective and ultimately broaden her horizons.



The Hired Girl (Ala Notable Children's Books. Older Readers) by Laura Amy Schlitz(Kindle Edition)

★★★★☆ 4.5 out of 5

Language	: English
File size	: 5590 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
X-Ray	: Enabled
Print length	: 401 pages



The author, Laura Amy Schlitz, skillfully crafts a beautifully descriptive narrative that brings the early 20th century to life. From the bustling streets of Baltimore to the rich cultural tapestry, readers are transported to a time of social change and personal growth.

"The Hired Girl" explores universal themes that are relevant even in today's world. Joan's determination to break free from the constraints of societal expectations resonates with readers of all ages. The struggles she faces and the lessons she learns make this novel a relatable and compelling coming-of-age story.

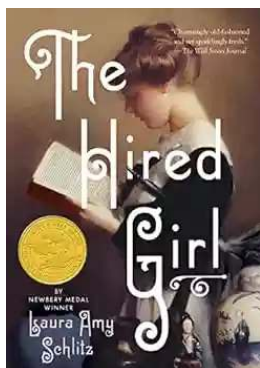
In a time where young adult literature often focuses on fantastical elements and supernatural creatures, "The Hired Girl" serves as a refreshing alternative. Its emphasis on historical accuracy and the challenges faced by young women in the early 20th century adds depth and substance to the story.

The book's ability to weave together historical accuracy, compelling characters, and a captivating storyline has garnered it great praise from both critics and readers. It was named an ALA Notable Children's Book, a prestigious honor bestowed upon only the most exceptional children's literature.

The character of Joan Skraggs, with her strong-willed personality and unwavering determination, provides an inspiring role model for young readers. In a world that often tells young girls to conform, Joan's resilience and ambition are refreshing and empowering. Readers will find themselves rooting for Joan as she confronts societal norms and fights for her dreams.

With its powerful messages about the importance of pursuing passions, challenging societal norms, and embracing one's true identity, "The Hired Girl" is a book that can spark meaningful conversations and reflections among readers of all ages.

, "The Hired Girl" is a remarkable book that deserves its distinction as an **Ala Notable Children's Book**. Combining meticulously researched historical details with relatable characters and a compelling narrative, Laura Amy Schlitz creates a story that is both entertaining and thought-provoking. Whether you are a young adult or an older reader, this book is sure to leave a lasting impression.



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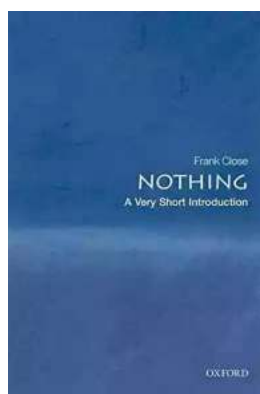


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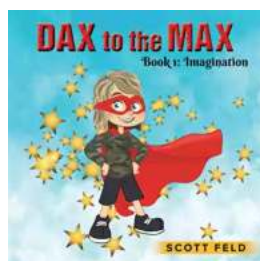
Newbery Medalist Laura Amy Schlitz brings her delicious wit and keen eye to early twentieth-century America in a moving yet comedic tour de force.

Fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs, just like the heroines in her beloved novels, yearns for real life and true love. But what hope is there for adventure, beauty, or art on a hardscrabble farm in Pennsylvania where the work never ends? Over the summer of 1911, Joan pours her heart out into her diary as she seeks a new, better life for herself—because maybe, just maybe, a hired girl cleaning and cooking for six dollars a week can become what a farm girl could only dream of—a woman with a future. Newbery Medalist Laura Amy Schlitz relates Joan’s journey from the muck of the chicken coop to the comforts of a society household in Baltimore (Electricity! Carpet sweepers! Sending out the laundry!), taking readers on an exploration of feminism and housework; religion and literature; love and loyalty; cats, hats, and bunions.



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