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The Girl Who Could Fly

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Forester, Victoria. *The Girl Who Could Fly*. Feiwel and Friends, 2008. ISBN 9780312374624. \$16.95. 336 p.

Reviewer: Kate Reynolds

Reading Level: Intermediate

Rating: Dependable

Genre: Science fiction;

Subject: Ability--Juvenile fiction; Individuality--Juvenile fiction; Laboratories--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

As an infant, Piper McCloud could float, and at the age of nine she taught herself how to fly. Her very practical parents kept her on the farm because people being able to fly "ain't the way of things." But when Piper demonstrates her ability in front of a large crowd the government shows up to take her to a school full of other extraordinary children. At the school, though, Piper eventually finds out that the head, Dr. Letitia Hellion, is far from encouraging her students' abilities and has only one goal in mind: to force the children into normal, unremarkable lives.

Forester's first novel, despite superhero powers, is pure vanilla. The plot and characters will soon be forgotten after reading and few readers will even care about the hints of questions to be answered in a sequel. However, as a fairly innocuous read, it may be worth a few hours' diversion for pre-teens with nothing else to do.

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