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# Wings

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Pike, Aprilynne. *Wings*. HarperTeen, 2009. ISBN 9780061668036. \$16.99. 294 p.

Reviewer: Ruth-Anne Brown

Reading Level: Young adult

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Fantasy fiction;

Subject: Fairies--Fiction; Trolls--Fiction; Plants--Fiction; Books--Reviews;

Fifteen year old Laurel only eats fruits and vegetables and drinks Sprite as a treat. She prefers to wear light tank tops and shorts even in cold weather. She begins to worry when she feels a bump growing between her shoulder blades. It gets to be the size of a softball, but she tells no one. She awakes the next morning to find a huge flower growing out of her spine and painfully discovers it will not come off. While walking in the woods, Laurel runs into Tamani, a faerie. He tells her that she is also a faerie and in bloom, but that it will wilt away. Laurel becomes involved in the battle between faerie and troll. While fighting for her life and land, Laurel is torn between her human best friend David and the faerie soldier Tamani. After saving her land and her adopted father's life, Laurel decides to stay with her family and live out her human life for the present.

Pike creates a fantastic world of natural faeries contrasted with the gruesome, bloodthirsty trolls. The new definition of a faerie makes *Wings* a page turner from start to finish. Laurel discovers both sides of herself; her human side and her newly discovered plant (faerie) side. She becomes more courageous as she stands up against troll villains in order to save her adopted parents and her unknown people. The end leaves the reader wanting more. Luckily there are three more books to come. Disney has also optioned film rights to *Wings*, and there are reports Miley Cyrus will play the lead faerie. For more information visit [www.aprilynnepike.com](http://www.aprilynnepike.com).

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