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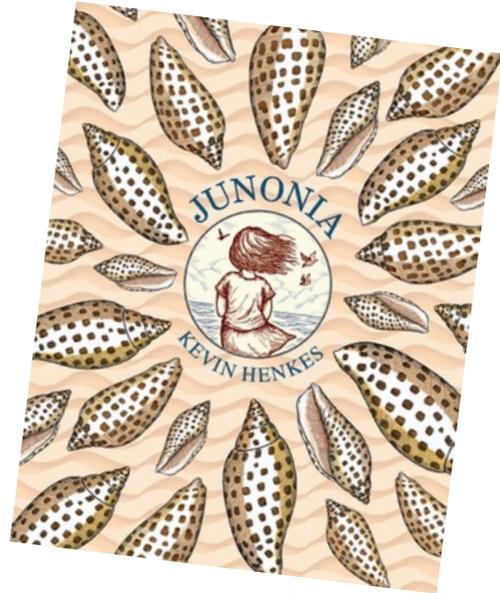
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# Book Review

**Title:** Junonia  
**Author:** Kevin Henkes  
**Reviewer:** Sydnee Burr  
**Publisher:** Greenwillow Books  
**Publication Year:** 2011  
**ISBN:** 9780061964176  
**Number of Pages:** 176  
**Interest Level:** Primary, Intermediate  
**Rating:** Dependable



## Review

Alice is about to celebrate her tenth birthday. It's a special birthday; not only is it double-digits, but she gets to celebrate it with her parents and all their friends at their winter vacation home on the beach in Florida. Alice tries to behave adult-like, but her childish anticipation can't help but keep bubbling over. When things don't go as planned, special friends get snowed in and can't make it, and a new young face tries to fit in, Alice's parents and elderly neighbors do their best to create wonder out of a seemingly dull situation.

Some authors have mastered the ability to write as if a child were penning the pages, and some write as if they are talking to small children. Henkes is the later. While elementary and middle school aged girls most likely would enjoy *Junonia*, as an adult it was less than charming. The story is however captivating and invokes warm feelings as well as sparks the reader onto noticing and fulfilling the needs of others. When friends and family are down, and in need of cheering up, *Junonia* is an excellent example of how to go about serving those we love, and loving those we serve.