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Book Review

Title: Pivot Point
Author: Kasie West
Reviewer: Nancy Haight
Publisher: HarperTeen
Publication Year: 2013
ISBN: 9780062117373
Number of Pages: 343
Interest Level: Young Adult
Rating: Excellent



Review

Life is good for Addie, living in a city for those with extra-abilities, until she arrives home from school and her parents announce that they are getting a divorce. Dad will be moving out to the normal world and Addie must make the decision of whether to live with her mother or her father. Addie's extra-ability is that she can see two different results of a decision for herself and then decide which future she wants. She rarely uses this, but decides this is a good time to check ahead six weeks. After seeing both options for her future, Addie chooses to stay with her mother and watches with trepidation as events evolve which she has seen and hopes she can change to save her friend. After several tense situations and events, Addie is able to change the future she had seen, although she almost loses her own life in the process.

What a great premise for a story: being able to see two futures and choose which one to live! Addie discovers that neither future is without its difficulties. West has a compelling writing style that keeps one turning the page to see what will happen next. The parallel future storylines unfold in alternating chapters. The reader is easily drawn into the story and will identify with the daily events in Addie's life and the daily choices she must make. The unique storyline and realistic characters make this a story with a lingering effect on the reader.

*Contains mild violence.