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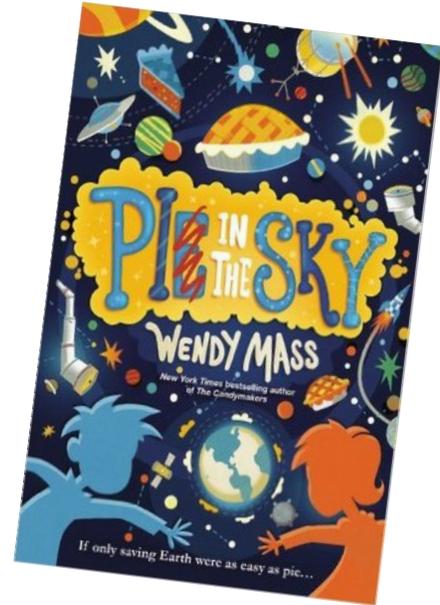
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Book Review

Title: Pie in the Sky
Author: Wendy Mass
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Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young
Publication Year: 2014
ISBN: 9780316089173
Number of Pages: 272
Interest Level: Intermediate
Rating: Dependable



Review

Being the seventh son of the Supreme Overlord of the Universe isn't as great as it sounds. Joss's older brothers all have jobs helping to run the universe and all he gets to do is deliver pies. Sure, the pies might have the secrets of the universe in them, but it's not as cool as the jobs his brothers have. When someone on Earth makes the huge mistake of looking at the person who makes the pies and his best friend's parents are erased along with the whole planet, Joss wants to do whatever it takes to bring Earth back. With the help of Annika, a girl from earth, Joss rushes to discover the secrets of the universe so he can recreate Earth and discover his own role in running the universe.

This book is educational about science and the universe, but not in a way that will discourage readers. It's a little absurd and wacky, somewhat reminiscent of Douglas Adams, and the two characters are spunky and relatable, even though Joss is an alien living in a different world. The concept of the book is wonderfully creative, and there are many parts of the story and characters that will make readers smile. There isn't a lot of action in most of the book, but it will still keep readers entertained. Some of the things in the book don't make sense and the readers just have to accept that it's the way things work in Joss's world. The beautiful blend of science into enjoyable children's fiction help make this book charming, even when the overall point of the story and the ending isn't clear.