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# Mae and June and the Wonder Wheel

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# Book Review

**Title:** Mae and June and the Wonder Wheel  
**Author:** Charise Mericle Harper  
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**Reviewer:** Kristie Hinckley  
**Publisher:** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company  
**Year:** 2017  
**ISBN:** 9780544630635  
**Pages:** 120  
**Interest Level:** Primary  
**Rating:** Outstanding



## Review

June is on a mission to find a new friend who is fun, friendly, and full of adventure! Grandma Penny sends her a “wonder wheel” that provides an exciting challenge for each day of the week. The challenge might be to reach out to a friend or collect items of a certain color. Mae is June’s new neighbor and classmate who definitely qualifies as fun, friendly, and full of adventure! And even though jealous classmates and dramatic older sisters can be frustrating, June always finds a way to make the best of hard situations.

Mae and June and the Wonder Wheel is about friendship and optimism. It is a beginning chapter book that is perfect for young readers! The chapters are short and the font is large, easily engaging independent readers. Simple black and white illustrations can be found on almost every page spread. This book features children who are in about second grade and includes poems and other things that the students are learning. This book might remind readers of *Flora & Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo. Children who are pet lovers will especially love this book!