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Darius & Twig

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Darius and Twig are best friends who support each other in their individual interests. Darius loves to write and Twig always gives good feedback, Twig is a runner and Darius is always at his races to cheer him on. As they go throughout their junior year of high school, they both begin to question who they are and who they can be. College scouts watching Twig and the potential publication of Darius's story force the two to make some decisions about their futures. Towards the end, both Darius and Twig come to realize that who you are is a compilation of the things you think, feel, and do when there is no one around to watch.

This is a quick, heartwarming story about two boys navigating high school and the transition to adulthood in the neighborhood of Harlem. Both Darius and Twig have some complicated living situations, but they don’t let that get them down. They also are a great example of a healthy, supporting friendship, which was nice to see in a book about teenage boys. The story line is not too complicated or intense, and at times felt a bit uneventful and not novel-worthy, but overall Darius & Twig is an enjoyable read with some good messages for teenagers, especially those who are making their own transition into adulthood.

*Contains moderate language and mild violence.*