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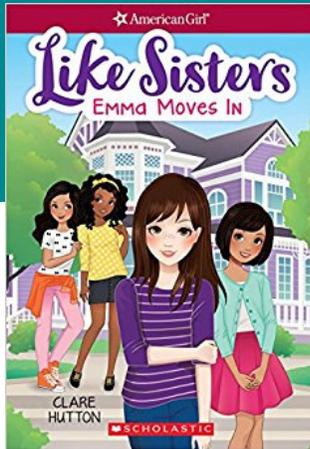
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Book Review

American Girl: Like Sisters: Emma Moves In

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Rating

Excellent

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Primary, Intermediate

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190

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Emma is so excited to spend summer vacation at the beach in Waverly. She has a whole list of things she has to do with her twin cousins, Zoe and Natalia. But a big surprise is in store for Emma on her last night there. Her family is moving from Seattle to Waverly so that Emma's mom and aunt can open up a bed and breakfast. Emma is excited at first, but quickly realizes that living with cousins isn't nearly as fun as being on vacation with them. Emma struggles to find her place, both at home and at her new school. Emma and her cousins overcome the obstacles thrown at them while their relationship grows stronger than ever and Emma becomes just like a sister.

This is a great read for girls starting at a new school or children who are moving. It goes into detail about the plethora of feelings a big change such as a move or family separation can bring. The text is written at a level that older elementary children can easily read, but also can relate to. Troubles at home and issues at school are presented, with peaceful resolutions involving talking about feelings and looking at it from another person's point of view are offered. Although the text uses descriptive language, the book would benefit from a few illustrations to break up the monotony of text written for the older primary to intermediate grade level.