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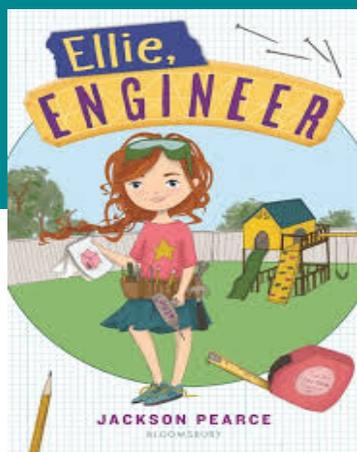
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Book Review

Ellie, Engineer

Ellie, a nine-year-old engineer, has big plans for her best friend, Kit's, birthday. She enlists the help of some of the neighborhood kids to build a magnificent dog house for the pet that Kit and Ellie overheard that Kit will be getting. However, the neighborhood boys and girls don't like each other so Ellie doesn't tell either group that she is working with their nemesis. When they find out, they get angry at Ellie, and she is left alone with lots of friendships to repair. However, with some ingenuity and teamwork, she is able to get all her friends involved and make amends for the hurt feelings she caused. And the best part yet: Kit gets the most awesome dog house on the block, for her new sheep, Miss Penelope.

Entertaining and engaging, *Ellie, Engineer* is a delightful upper elementary grade read that features a young female engineer. Focusing on themes of friendship and togetherness, this book uses the characters to show that boys and girls can work together, there aren't really "boy's things" and "girl's things," and that friends are always worth the work to keep. Readers will laugh at some of the circumstances that Ellie's engineering ideas get her into, and kids especially will relate to some of the sibling and friend situations that the characters experience. Creativity and doing what you love is encouraged throughout the book, and a brief description of the tools Ellie uses can be found at the end for interested readers. Fun and age-appropriate, *Ellie, Engineer* is a great read.

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Excellent

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