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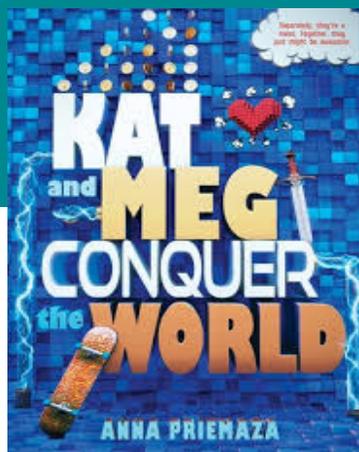
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Book Review

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Reviewer

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Young Adult

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355

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Harper Teen

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Kat and Meg are both tenth graders in Ottawa, Canada. Kat has severe anxiety that makes it difficult to interact with others. Meg has ADHD and is constantly having to find new friends and refocus on her schoolwork. When they are paired up for the science fair, they seem too different at first to even get along, much less become friends. However, from one common interest blooms a beautiful and unique friendship that neither of them has ever experienced before. From first boyfriends to family drama to an exciting convention featuring their beloved YouTuber, Kat and Meg both learn to overcome the weaknesses their disorders have given them and embrace the inherent strengths that they have had all along.

This is a feel-good, fun, heartwarming book about female friendship. Kat and Meg complement each other perfectly, even before they become best friends. Readers will see parts of themselves in both Kat and Meg, and will likely also learn more about the daily effects of both ADHD and anxiety. Priemaza does a good job of keeping the plot interesting without throwing in random twists or melodramatic events, and she also does well with handling multiple issues like sex, older family members, divorce, sibling relationships, and online friendships. Readers who appreciate a relatable, fun book about teenagers like them will enjoy this, and gamers and YouTubers will especially appreciate the gaming and YouTube aspects.

*Contains mild language and moderate sexual content.