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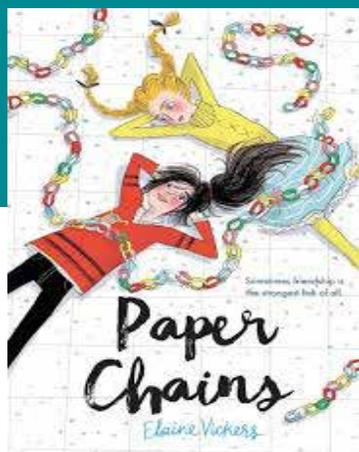
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Book Review

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Rating

Dependable

Level

Intermediate

Katie is new to Boston and quickly makes friends with spunky Ana. Both girls are trying to understand their place in the world and whether or not they can trust each other with their deepest secrets. Katie was adopted and has had multiple surgeries as well as a heart transplant. This has left her vulnerable, and her overprotective mother is always worried about her. Ana is trying to keep her family together after her father has abandoned the family and her strict Russian grandmother has moved in. As their friendship goes through challenges, they must learn how to trust one another and hold fast to their friendship.

Paper Chains will appeal to middle readers who are interested in realistic fiction that deals with the topics of friendship, family, and trust. The characters are relatable to young readers, who will connect with the young girls' fears and issues of trust and friendship. The chapters alternate between the first-person narratives of each girl. The inner thoughts of the characters and their actions are created in a way that allows for the reader to better connect to how each girl feels. This book would appeal to and attract many readers and would find a welcome place in any library.

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304

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