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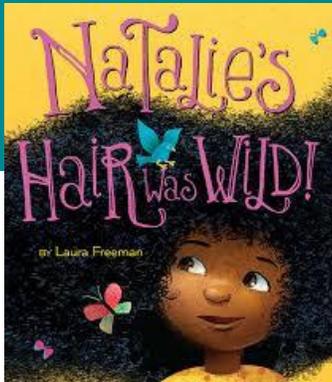
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Book Review

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Rating

Significant Shortcom-

Level

Preschool

Natalie's hair is wild, and all sorts of animals make it their home. Natalie doesn't mind, but soon all the animals become too loud and Natalie can't get any sleep. Natalie calls for help, and the zoo teams up with the firefighters to get the animals out of Natalie's hair and make it tame once more. But that won't last long.

This is Laura Freeman's debut book as an author and it falls flat. While the illustrations are colorful and full of life, the narration leaves a lot; lacking. The idea for the book has obvious potential, but the implementation itself comes short. What starts out with rhyming verse rapidly devolves into structureless text. The amount of text on a page also varies greatly. The message of the story is also ambiguous. It initially seems that it points to the importance of personal hygiene, but quickly returns to Natalie looking joyful as she gallops, hair wild once again. Unfortunately, the vibrant illustrations don't come close to making up for the poor text.

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29

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