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Book Review Hazy Bloom and the Pet Project

Hazy Bloom can tell the future—at least, she thinks she can. She'll be doing something ordinary when suddenly a "tomorrow vision" will appear in her head. The challenge then is to make sense of it. So when Hazy gets a vision of the logo of a pet shop, she's sure this means she'll finally get a long-awaited pet iguana. That is, if she can convince her parents that she is responsible enough for a pet. When Hazy is roped into being in charge of a fundraiser at school, she realizes that this is an opportunity to show her maturity. Only being in charge is a lot harder than it seems. With the help of her friends, Hazy is able to put on the best Pet Day the school has ever seen. She learns that being responsible means putting first things first.

Hazy Bloom is quite a riot! She is the best combination of klutzy, impulsive, and downright hilarious. In one of Hazy's attempts at showing how responsible she can be, she ends up doing the laundry and shrinking one of her mother's favorite dresses to doll size. This book is a marvelous choice for readers new to chapter books. Engaging caricatures capture the tale on nearly every page. Hazy Bloom is like the Junie B. Jones of third-grade novels. The book is captivating, ridiculous, and still manages to teach important life lessons. Together, the author and illustrator make a dynamic team with the ability to capture the joys and frustrations of a typical kid. Children will love to read this book on hard copy or listen to it in audiobook format. This book is highly recommended this book to all, but especially to little girls.