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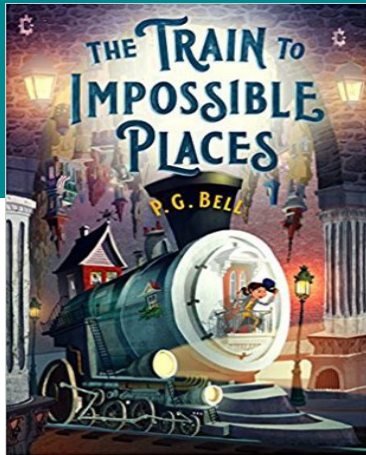
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Book Review

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Significant

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Suzy Smith is a girl who loves studying physics and trying to make sense of the world using Einstein's various theories. One night, she awakes to the sound of hammering and sneaks downstairs to see train tracks running through her hallway, which is now the size of a large cathedral. Impossible! Just a few minutes later, a train comes rumbling in on the tracks and stops just before running into Suzy and Fletch, the troll who built the tracks. As Fletch threatens to wipe her memory, Suzy runs after the train and narrowly catches the rail as it speeds away into the darkness. From there the adventure begins, and Suzy sees one impossible thing after another. Trouble ensues, trolls are trapped, and lives are lost. But in the end Suzy returns home, memory intact, and continues life knowing that things are not, perhaps, as impossible as they seem.

This book has a fun story filled with mystery, intrigue, and a bit of confusion. The story is told from different perspectives, which are difficult to follow as they are in no particular order. The first perspective shift comes seven chapters into the book and only lasts six pages before shifting to another perspective. The reader may become confused and unsure of where the story is leading as they attempt to follow these perspective shifts. Throughout the book, there are drawings of characters and places mentioned in the story. These sketches give insight into what the author imagined, but leaves little room for imagination by the reader. The story is fun and exciting, but the confusing writing style leaves readers dissatisfied with the book in its entirety.