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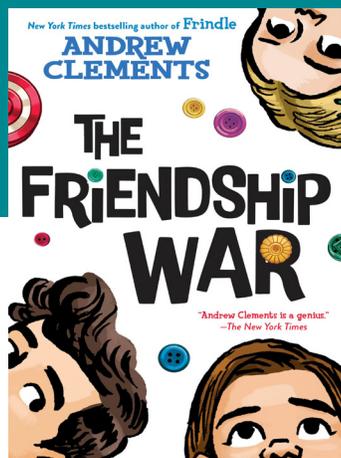
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## Book Review

### The Friendship War

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#### Illustrator

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#### Rating

Excellent

#### Level

Intermediate

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208

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When Grace finds a treasure load of buttons in her Grampa's old mill, she takes a few of them to school for show-and-tell. But she never would have imagined how interesting these buttons would become. Soon the whole school is obsessed with a new fad: collecting and trading buttons. Grace's newfound button craze is not all it's cracked up to be when she finds herself at odds with her best friend, Ellie. She also forges a new bond with her friend, Hank, as they work together to collect and classify different types of buttons. Soon Grace just wants things to go back to the way they were before the button fad started. She does something surprising and out of character to put a stop to the button trading for once and for all.

The lesson to be learned in this book is so important. Material things will come and go, but relationships last forever. Friends are what matter in the long run. In this book, Grace and Ellie don't always agree, but they learn to forgive and accept one another, faults and all. Grace's character is so special and lovable. When she finds herself changing in a negative way, she works to correct things. Andrew Clements's writing is wonderful and engaging and his character development is top-notch. This book is a refreshing, clean read with a nice look into family and friend relationships. Middle grade readers are the target audience for this book and they are sure to enjoy it.