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## Book Review

# The Astonishing Maybe

### Author

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### Illustrator

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### Reviewer

Taylor Nelson

### Rating

Outstanding

### Level

Intermediate, Young  
Adult

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### Pages

230

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Twelve-year-old Gideon Quinton hates his new home in Nevada. But then he meets the girl next door, Roona, who wears a baby blanket like a cape when she needs to feel strong. As Gideon and Roona get to know each other, Roona begins to reveal more about her past and her troubled mother. When Roona decides to embark on an adventure to find her long-lost father, Gideon agrees to help. Along the way, he learns some surprising things about family, loyalty, and the power of helping those around us in need.

This is a moving story of friendship and finding those you can count on when you need help. The relationship between Gideon and Roona is pure and feels authentic. Gideon is drawn to Roona's lively and free manner because his life has been so restricted by his overprotective mother. As Roona slowly opens up to Gideon, the reader learns about the many grown-up issues Roona has had to deal with at a very young age. These issues are handled beautifully by the author, and seen through Gideon's perspective, are shown in a way that a young child would understand them. This is a wonderful story to help young readers understand what their peers in troubled circumstances are going through and how they can help.

\*Contains mild language and mild violence.