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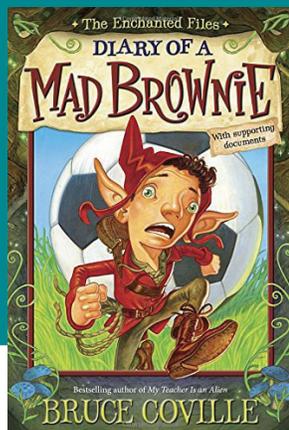
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Book Review

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Rating

Dependable

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Primary, Intermediate

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208

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Brownies are small magical creatures that bring mischief and cleanliness to the human household they serve, and Angus is no exception. Leaving Scotland, Angus comes to America to serve Alex, a young girl who takes messiness to a new level. Angus does a fine job of cleaning up after Alex and becoming her friend along the way. Unfortunately, even this good work this does not stop the curse that was placed on both their families by the Queen of Shadows. The curse is ruining their lives, and the only way they can stop it is to return the Queen's daughter, the Princess of Sunshine, to the Enchanted realm. Working together, they find a way to return the Princess to her mother, thereby freeing them all from the curse.

This book is written as if the words were taken directly from Angus's and Alex's diaries. This epistolary format allows readers to share the thoughts and feelings of the characters as they go on their adventures. Many of the characters, including Angus, have issues controlling their tempers, but Angus begins the hard work of changing this bad habit. This character flaw allows readers to receive the message that letting anger overcome you is not a good response to an unpleasant situation. Another important theme is that each of us is who we are because of the people in our families that came before us. As Alex realizes that she knows little of her family history and wishes to know more, readers can see how important it is to connect to the past.