WeirDo

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Weir Do (yep, that’s his name) is the new kid in school and all he wants to do is fit in, but with a name that gets everyone laughing and a family that is a little out of the ordinary, fitting in is hard. It’s also tough to get the special attention of Bella Allen, the seventh-prettiest girl in Weir’s class and the apple of his eye. Things are looking up when Bella Allen starts passing out birthday invitations to everyone in the class. The only problem is that she doesn’t give one to Weir. While in mourning, Weir learns that Bella’s mom has arranged for Bella to go to his house after school. Despite his nervousness and his family’s crazy antics, the two become better friends and Weir gets a special surprise from Bella that sets his world right again.

WeirDo is a funny, fast-paced beginner chapter book perfect for children ages six to ten. Each page has eye-catching graphics and stand-out words in bright red that bring the story to life. The graphics and text together make for some hilarious scenes. The book is written from the perspective of Weir; we hear about his feelings, hopes, and thoughts, which children will easily relate to and understand. The overall message of the book that children should accept and embrace who they are, even the parts that don’t fit the mold. There is some “bathroom humor” in a few parts of the book, but WeirDo is overall a fun read that would make a great addition to a home library.