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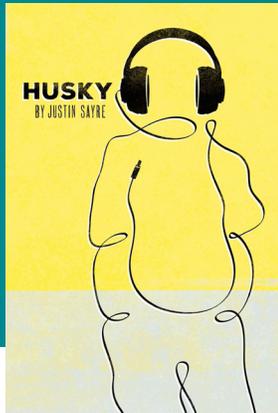
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Book Review

Husky

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Excellent

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Intermediate

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Davis is worried about starting high school this fall. He's heard that everyone gets one adjective that people at school will know him by, and while he knows he has some good and interesting qualities, he's pretty sure his adjective is going to be related to his weight. On top of this, Davis' best friend Sophie started growing away from him when she became best friends with the most popular girl in school. Davis' mom is busy working at her bakery, so his only company this summer has been his grandmother, who criticizes his every move. It feels like everything important is changing and everything hard is staying the same, but over time Davis learns that he has more control over his happiness than he ever initially realized.

This interesting coming-of-age novel follows the emotions of a young boy on his journey to self-discovery. Davis matures significantly throughout the course of the story, but it's not without setbacks or difficulty. Ultimately, it's when he learns to communicate what he's feeling that he is able to move forward and improve his relationships with the people he loves. This is an important lesson that readers can take away from this story. Davis also learns to rely on his own confidence instead of the opinions of others. He worries less about whatever adjective he will be assigned, and focuses more on the good qualities he possesses. This is also a valuable lesson, teaching readers the importance of self-love.