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"When David Was Surprised" is the sequel to the best-selling "How David Met Sarah." Both books feature a young man with Down Syndrome who is trying to balance his own need for independence -- and love -- with his family's instinct to protect and care for him. Written in simple language, this book can be read and enjoyed by the developmentally disabled, their loved ones, and anyone who is interested in gaining insight into the lives of others.

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Heather says

I am truly enjoying the David books. This story, written at an elementary reading level, is one all special educators and of young adults with cognitive disabilities should read with them. I'm planning to read When David Met Sarah with one of my classes in a couple weeks when our state testing has been completed.

I think I enjoyed this one even more than the first book. I love watching David experience new feelings and figure out why people react the way they do to different situations. I can't wait to see what happens to David (and Sarah) in the next story. (Thank you, Ms. Kelleher, for sharing the first chapter of the next book! I'm anxious to read it.)

Patrice Fitzgerald says

Another good book in Anne Kelleher's David series, written from the point of view of a young man with Down Syndrome. David is caught up in the expectations of his family with regard to how much independence he should have. Just about to be 25, he is interested in a romantic relationship -- is that appropriate for him? Is the young woman's family in agreement? What if David gets hurt?

This series and this book in particular raise important questions about how we relate to developmentally disabled people and how they relate to other folks. What's wonderful is that the story is also entertaining, and gives us a fascinating glimpse into this world.

"When David Was Surprised" and "How David Met Sarah," (the first book in the series), are essential books for readers who are themselves developmentally disabled and for those who love them. In addition, anyone interested in gaining some insight into this population is urged to pick up a copy.

Written at an elementary reading level, these books are nevertheless fun and informative for anyone.

Amy says

I received this book free through Goodreads. The book was very interesting to read, I completed it within a day. It was simple enough for younger people to read but it also appealed to me. The story line was nice and you get an inside look into the life of people with Down Syndrome. I didn't read the first book in the series but I wasn't confused at all, which is sometimes worrisome when starting a book in a series without reading the others. I enjoyed this book and would recommend it to others.

Angela Holtz says

From Lilac Wolf and Stuff

Thanks Anne for letting me review this! I was dying to read it since finishing How David Met Sarah. And I was not disappointed.

It has the same fluid writing. Simple, yet fast paced. I think David is a wonderful guy. David's parents took David out for a surprise on a Sunday and it turned out he was the date of one of the young ladies from his socialization class. She keeps getting mad at him and he is thoroughly confused. Every man on the planet has been there, and his pops told him as much.

Sarah has competition in this story. And honestly, I found myself cheering for the new girl. Mariah's not really new, David has known her for years. But she's got a new haircut and a new wardrobe and she did catch David's eye.

I have a ton of respect for him because he doesn't forget Sarah. And I love Mariah because she's willing to wait for him. The reason I'm cheering for Mariah is that she loves to do all the same things David loves to do, like going to the theater and drama classes. Sarah has autism and doesn't like to be around large groups of people (something I totally understand), and while David adores her, they don't share much common ground.

But I suggest you read this book and come to your own conclusions. I'm happy there's another one coming out, Where David Went. The 1st chapter is included at the end of When David Was Surprised. I haven't read it yet, because I know I'll just want to keep going. I would say Anne's writing and David's story are like warm comfort food.

Rita says

I won this book for free through a Goodreads First Reads giveaway than gave it to a friends daughter she said it was a good book just not really the type of thing she reads to often. She wished the book was longer and that she could have gotten more details from the writer but overall she said she would recommend the book to other children who may be a little younger than her (she is 10) or readers who may have some reading difficulties.

Jan says

I won this in a Goodreads giveaway in December. I'm still waiting anxiously for the book to arrive.

Update - this book never arrived. Will mark it as not read.
