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Ladybug Girl gets dressed up for Halloween in the newest hardcover addition to the *New York Times* bestselling series.

It is Halloween and Lulu must decide on a costume. Should she be Ladybug Girl or something new? She tries many different costumes, but nothing seems right. Maybe she'll think of the perfect costume as she enjoys the autumn day with her family by pumpkin picking and going on a hayride. But it isn't until Lulu and Bingo help a little girl who is lost that Lulu discovers who she was meant to be for Halloween—Ladybug Girl, of course! After all, she *is* Ladybug Girl and it is important to be true to yourself.

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Cynthia says

Such cute illustrations and a wonderful story about sticking to your guns when you know you love something the most!

Laurie says

An excellent selection if you are looking for a Halloween story that de-emphasizes the scarier side of the holiday. Lulu is sure of her costume choice for Halloween; Ladybug Girl of course! Her brother's comments lead her to doubt her decision and she is faced with a dilemma. Should she change her costume? What child hasn't changed his or her mind about what to wear on Halloween night. Ultimately, this story is about making the choice that is right for you. Great conversation starter.

Roben says

Another awesome Ladybug Girl book! The special 3 year old in my life had me read this over and over again. It's Halloween! Ladybug Girl is- of course - going to be Ladybug Girl for Halloween. But then her brother plants a seed of doubt when he says, "Again?!" After thinking up a dozen different other options, and helping out a lost friend - she FINALLY decides which costume is the perfect choice. "To thine own self be true!"

Miakoda says

My 3 year old enjoyed this one.

Anne says

can't wait to share this at wcns

Sarah says

I didn't enjoy this one as much as I wish I had. I did like the illustrations and the way they captured the atmosphere of fall.

kim says

cute like the rest in the series

April Palmer says

Halloween is one of my favorite holidays. I can't stop asking my mom when I can go trick or treating again and I love Lady Bug Girl so naturally I loved this book.

Mary says

Per Amazon ages 3-5 years old.

Accepting yourself and being who you want to be.

Leslie Lindsay says

Okay, so I have a big ol soft spot for basset hounds. Like an abyss. I love the jowly, low-slung hounds like nobody's business and so when I spied this new companion to the NYT Bestselling LADYBUG GIRL at my local Indie bookseller, I can assure you I nabbed a copy.

In true Soman-Davis fashion, we follow along (well, lumber may be the better word) with Lulu and Bingo (beloved basset) as the family prepares for it's autumnal festivities picking apples and jumping into to piles of crispy golden leaves. But, Lulu can't decide what she wants to be for Halloween this year. At her brother's suggestion, she should go as something different than her "usual," (aka, Ladybug Girl). She goes through scores of costume changes in effort to find the best fit, but alas cannot decide on anything all that compelling. Finally, end the end Lulu finds that the decision is easy when she stays true to who she is deep down.

For me, it's the illustrations that make this book. Rich, cozy line and ink and watercolor images make the story come to life. I absolutely adore Bingo, the way the artist is able to fully capture all quirks and indiosyncracies of the basset hound, it's very fluid, engaging, and authentic.

Christine says

This story is yet another delightful Ladybug Girl adventure in growing up. Here, preschooler Lulu a.k.a.Ladybug Girl tries to decided what to be for Halloween after her big brother points out that she should dress up as something other than a ladybug for once. As always, Lulu's loyal dog Bingo is at her side as she considers other costumes and then joins her family in exploring an apple orchard. The illustrations expertly

and sweetly capture every changing emotion of young childhood. By story's end, Ladybug Girl figures out that her Trick or Treat outfit will be exactly what she knew it needed to be all along.

jacky says

I really love Ladybug Girl as a positive girl character in books. Her brother makes her question what she should be for Halloween, but when she is able to help someone else as Ladybug Girl, she decides that she should stick with who she is. A nice addition to the series. Lots of Halloween specific elements, but the theme and plot are wide enough to be read at other times of year.

Alice says

4.25 Stars Be ware, I am going to gush!!
Lady Bug Girl...in general is just awesome!
Throw in my favorite time of year and you get a great book!

I love the pictures!
I love the message!
I love the story!

I love Lady Bug Girl!! Forget Fancy Nancy I say we throw a Lady Bug Girl Party!!

Daniel Middleton says

It's autumn, and Lulu and her brother are preparing for Halloween. Lulu can't wait to wear her Ladybug Girl costume again. Her brother, however, has other ideas. He convinces her to opt for something completely new this year. Therein lies Lulu's dilemma. What should she dress up as this Halloween? A robot? A silent movie star? A vampire panda? A wallaby? An alien? As she rifles through these ideas she becomes more and more disillusioned by them. But she eventually lands on the perfect idea, though you'll have to read the book to find out what that is. The story is told in an engaging and light manner that allows for complete absorption. Lulu is somewhat endearing and her predicament is one that children will readily identify with. Great read for Halloween.

The art itself, which consists of inks and brilliant watercolors, just jumps off each page to this reader's delight. Autumn is beautifully depicted here, through an apple orchard, leaf-jumping, a hayride, and a towering corn maze, drawn and painted by the deft hand of David Soman.

Kayla says

Summary:

Lulu is set on being Ladybug Girl for Halloween but when her brother tells her she should be something she has a big dilemma on her hands. Lulu has to figure out what she is going to go trick or treating as, and quick

-- Halloween is tonight! She tries on costume after costume but none of them feel right. After heroically saving the day and reuniting a little girl with her mother at the orchard, Lulu knows her original plan was the best plan of all.

Activity:

Create your own costume out of templates and cut outs. Each student will get a paper doll cut out to put their costume designs on. Their designs will be secured with velcro making it easy for the students to change their costume if they please. Once this is complete, students will be asked to share what they created and why they created it. All of the completed works will be displayed on the "Halloween Catwalk" in the classroom for everyone to see through the month of October. Students are free to take down their creations throughout this time and change things if they wish. By doing this, it is showing the students that it is okay to change your mind about something whether that be one time or ten times. Not all decisions are set in stone.

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