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In this chapter book for young readers, June is thrilled to get a new neighbor: Mae! Soon the two of them are best friends and are having adventures determined by the Wonder Wheel that they spin each morning. Whether it's pretending to be a dog for a day or collecting things that are blue, the girls never know what each day will bring. Also, June has a secret: her dog Sammy can talk, but only she can hear him. Will her new best friend believe her if she tells her?

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Adelina says

We got this as a recommendation from our library. I read it in one night to 4 of my 5 kids. They thought it was great, and I thought it was great. It's no masterpiece by any means, but thanks to this book I want to go make myself a Wonder Wheel and see just where life may take us.
If a book has the power to put me to action, it deserves 5 stars.

Camie says

Cute chapter book about pets and friendship. July's choice for my Granddaughter who's in between first and second grade. She'll like the fact one of the girls on the cover resembles her along with the idea of a dog who can speak (only to her), floor disco dancing, and crazy hair day. I wish now that the kids have reading lexiles, they would be published on the books or reviews so choices for appropriate reading level would be easier! 4 stars

Tracie says

June, who can talk with her dog Sammy, sees a new girl next door and wonders how to become her friend. Meanwhile, she and Sammy are having fun with a present Grandma has sent in the mail that challenges them to new adventures each day.

Karen Arendt says

I like June. She is full of energy and loves life. The wonder wheel sent by her grandmother is a great idea.. Readers may just take that idea and create their own wheels. June's friendship problems are realistic and relatable for children. This is a great story for first and second graders.

Kimberly says

This is a children's chapter book where June and Mae are new neighbors. After becoming best friends they turn to the Wonder Wheel to determine what their adventures will be each day. Each spin brings fun times for both girls. Perhaps they need to find something blue that day or do a good deed. In addition to this June can hear her dog, Sammy talk. Should she tell Mae?

This book is suggested for grades 2-4 but I believe as a read aloud book children younger than this can enjoy it also. This high energy book will sweep kids away with ease. This is a fun, friendly book that I believe most children will enjoy.

I was given this book by NetGalley and HMH Books for Young Readers in exchange for my honest review.

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Steph says

This seems geared for 1st/2nd graders but possibly too long/ wordy for most kids in those grade levels. I also felt that the characters were underdeveloped and when the book ended I essentially felt nothing. Just a blah book for me.

L.P. Logan says

4.4 stars

As always I read this to my kids. It was super cute, but it didn't hold their attention as well as I'd hoped. Still it is well written and for a short book is pretty well developed. My favorite part are the graphics. Cute!

Ms. Yingling says

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June loves to play with her dog Sam, especially since she is the only one to whom the dog can talk. When her grandmother sends her a big chalkboard on a wheel, with detailed instructions on how to use it, June is thrilled, and she and Sam have a lot of fun completing the suggested tasks. It's even more fun when a new girl moves in next door and ends up in June's class. Mae seems really nice, but classmate April is bound and determined that Mae will be HER friend. The girls have to learn to get along, and eventually Mae and June become fast friends.

Strengths: This is a very positive, fun story for beginning readers. The illustrations are very helpful in showing what is going on in the story and add a lot to it. Other nice touches are June's sometimes cranky teenage sister, the fact that Mae is a character of color without this fact taking over the story, and the adventure of the wonder wheel.

Weaknesses: I didn't quite understand why June could talk to Sam. Was she imagining this, or could she really communicate with the dog?

What I really think: This is too young for my readers (the very intense class debate over whether cats or dogs are better is one that sets this firmly in the elementary school arena), but was rather enjoyable.

Lisa says

EM enjoyed it.

Lynn says

This is one of those books I wish I'd written - especially the base of the story being a creative Grammy sending a really cool gift to encourage her granddaughter to be similarly creative! Having a friend to share the activities with is super gravy!

The idea of 3 friends named April, Mae and June might seem a bit corny, but the way the author introduced them into the story, it works!

Jillian Heise says

I was confused about the main character being able to hold full on conversations with her dog. And I was so disheartened that the first stop on the wheel was for the characters to make up a "spirit animal" for the day.

The cultural appropriation of that element ruined the rest of the book for me.

Some context to help you learn more if you are unfamiliar with the concern:

American Indians in Children's Literature: What is wrong with Buzzfeed's WHAT IS YOUR SPIRIT ANIMAL and Neal Shusterman's UNWIND dystology

School Library Journal: Riordan Praised for Removing "Spirit Animal" Reference from Novel

When You Don't Get it Right (or That Time I Appropriated Spirit Animal)

AASL: "Addressing the Use of the Term 'Spirit Animal'"

Becky says

First sentence: Sammy is my best friend. He has four legs, really soft ears, and a tail that can wag slow, medium, and super-fast.

Premise/plot: June is looking for a new friend. She's looking for someone who is fun, friendly, and full of adventure. Sammy, her dog, will help her be a judge of who's got potential in the friend department. Sammy is a talking dog. (Does he really talk? Well, that's up to readers, I suppose. June is a believer that they speak the same language.) There's a new girl moving in next door that maybe just maybe has all three f's. Her name is Mae. In this one there's no such thing as instant best friends. Everyone in their class wants Mae's attention. And Mae isn't in a hurry to pick anyone to be her number one best friend. What makes this school-friendship adventure fun is the introduction of the Wonder Wheel. The Wonder Wheel is a present from June's grandmother...

My thoughts: This one is very cute. It has things like On-the-Ground-Disco-Dancing. The text is fun, lively, and quick. I would definitely be interested in reading more Mae and June books if this is a new early chapter book series.

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

I'm always trying to find good, high interest books for my daughter, who is a struggling reader. My daughter is in mid-second grade and reads at a late first grade/early second grade level, and trails far behind most of her peers at her school. My daughter has been interested in chapter books, but we often can't find any easy enough for her where she can read it without being frustrated.

Mae and June and the Wonder Wheel says it is for grades 1-3, and I think that is very accurate for most children. My daughter reads at an "I" level, and this book was too difficult for her. However, the interest level was certainly there, and the concepts and tone will definitely appeal to the early elementary school set.

The graphics in the book were good, but the content was a little frenetic for me. June seemed a bit underdeveloped and the plot jumped around a bit, but I thought it was a promising start to a new series. I wasn't sure about the hook of the talking dog that only the MC can hear, but I'm hoping that is explored more throughout the series. I also liked the fact that the author made June's new best friend a POC, giving the book some diversity, which my daughter liked too because it accurately reflects her own friend-group.

I think this book will appeal to many early chapter book readers who are eager for some new stories with fun graphics.

ARC provided by the publisher

Jesse says

This one grew on me the more I read it. It's a very gentle introduction to not so great things like sassy older siblings, mean girls at school (who are 3 dimensional!), and making new friends. At the same time it's very sweet and light and fluffy and I hope the girls' plan at the end comes to fruition. :)

Jen Petro-Roy says

A fabulous start to a new chapter book series. Such a fun character and premise.
